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# Kaufman row with Israeli army patrol

## Intervention to stop arrest of ITN crew

**From Ian Murray, Jerusalem**

Mr Gerald Kaufman, the shadow Foreign Secretary, yesterday became the second visiting British politician this week to tangle with Israeli security forces in the occupied territories.

He intervened to stop the arrest of an ITN camera crew in the Balata refugee camp, near Nablus, when he went to visit the home of an alleged Palestinian Liberation Organization activist.

Mr Husam Uthman Muhammad Hadar, aged 26, who is accused of being an agitator for al-Fatah, the main PLO wing, is one of nine Palestinians served with deportation orders. Mr Kaufman, before arriving from Jordan, said of the expulsion plan: "It's worse than a crime, it's a mistake. The Israelis can't be afraid of nine individuals. If they were, they could lock them up."

The Labour politician, in marked contrast to Mr David Mellor, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, went out of his way to ensure that his argument with the Israeli Army did not become a media event.

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"A group of children, mainly girls, fell in behind us and trooped along chanting slogans and it became quite a little procession to the house," Mr Kaufman said. "As we were in the house, Israeli troops turned up and clearly took amiss what was taking place. I left after a while, and I was told that a good deal of confusion was taking place. Then, as I was walking along the street, Brent Sadler, of ITN, called out that he was being arrested and clearly that was not something that was acceptable.

"Therefore, I asked ITN not to broadcast my conversation because I didn't want in any way to create any kind of public fuss, but then I intervened to ensure that the ITN people were allowed to come away with their film.

"It wasn't a very happy situation," Mr Kaufman said. "The Israeli soldiers over-reacted — and in over-reacting, I think they behaved in a way that I would not have expected of them. I much regret the way they did behave. I was told that a curfew was in force, but the girls seemed to me to be behaving in a perfectly quiet way.

"I think the Israeli troops very mistakenly over-reacted, and it didn't do anybody any good at all."

Mr Kaufman later visited Shatai Camp in the Gaza Strip, where he witnessed "the most remarkable sight of an Israeli Army van being chased away by a group of youths who were throwing stones at it. They were lighting fires and they were clearly in a very aggressive mood".

He said he stopped to talk to them. They told him that they wanted self-government and human rights, and that they saw the PLO as their representative.

Yesterday saw the departure from Israel of Mr Mellor. He remained unrepentant about the diplomatic storm that his criticisms of Israeli policies in the occupied territories had provoked, and hopeful that the publicity created by his remarks would in some way advance the Middle East peace process.

Mr Mellor emphasized at a press conference: "I think it is important that people don't retreat into a world of false illusion, and think I am on some frolic of my own, and that I can be derided as some young pup of no significance whatsoever within my Government." Criticism of the way in which he had upbraided an army officer during his visit to a camp in the occupied Gaza Strip on Monday had only been a side issue.

"I speak with the full authority of my Government, and it should be clear to everybody it is the international community which is concerned about these things and not just me."

Mr Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli Defence Minister, also visited Gaza yesterday, where he said he hoped that the new United Nations resolution against Israeli deportations would not hinder the work of restoring calm. During his tour, he once had to alter course because of road blocks of stones and burning tyres built by Palestinian youths. Once he was barracked by young children when he stopped for a briefing.

Earlier, he had told the Knesset (Parliament) that Israel had made 1,978 arrests following the disturbances, of whom 918 had since been released. Three hundred had been prosecuted, 234 indicted and six had been acquitted.

Yesterday's most violent incident occurred at Tulkarm in the West Bank, where an Israeli woman soldier was treated for minor stab wounds after being attacked by a Palestinian who was shot and seriously wounded when he ran away. Minor incidents of road blocks and stone throwing were reported all over the territories.

# Master hit in school shooting

**By Craig Seton**

A deputy headmaster was shot and four schoolboys were injured when a former pupil went berserk with a double-barrelled shotgun inside a comprehensive school in Northamptonshire yesterday.

The shooting came as classes ended at 3.30 pm at the Ferrers Comprehensive in Higham Ferrers. Mr Michael Cousins, aged 38, the deputy head teacher received facial injuries when when the former pupil, aged 16, stormed into the school and began firing at the staff room.

Mr Cousins, of High Street, Yeldon, Northamptonshire, was taken to Kettering General Hospital where last night his condition was described as comfortable. The hospital said he was not in danger.

Darrell Pettitt, aged 13, a pupil at the school, said he saw "a man armed with a shotgun" firing, over pupils' heads. He was rugby-tackled to the ground by a sports master.

The four pupils who were injured received only superficial wounds.

Last night police were questioning a former pupil

## Heart surgery plea for boy rejected

Mrs Patricia Collier with her son Matthew yesterday after judges rejected pleas for an open heart operation on him at a hospital in Birmingham to be brought forward. Report, page 3.

# Dollar buying spree as dealers sense recovery

**By David Smith, Economics Correspondent**

The dollar's New Year rally continued yesterday, in spite of the fact that the big central banks did not try to push it up further.

Dealers said that demand for dollars reached "panic buying" proportions at one stage, as dealers feared being left out by a sustained dollar recovery.

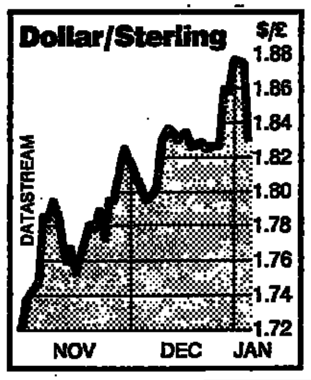
However, the dollar settled to close below its best levels, but with healthy gains on the day. The pound fell by 2.26 cents to $1.8052 as the dollar climbed against all leading currencies.

But the rally in share prices petered out. The FT-SE 100 index, after climbing above 1,800 for the first time since "Black Monday" last October, closed 2.5 points down at 1,787.1. On Wall Street last night, the Dow Jones Industrial Average was just 1.32 points up, at 2,032.82.

The dollar rose from 126.90 yen to 129.60 against the Japanese currency, and by 2.25 pfennigs to DM1.65. The Group of Seven major countries — the US, Britain, Japan, West Germany, France, Italy and Canada — issued a statement before Christmas calling for currency stability, and are unlikely to want to see the dollar go much higher.

Reports in Tokyo that Japan, West Germany and the US had a secret deal to hold the dollar in the upper half of a range from 120 to 140 yen did not receive official confirmation.

However, finance ministry officials from the major countries confirmed that the joint currency intervention of the past few days had been aimed at securing a stable dollar.



The reports, on NHK, the Japanese Broadcasting Corporation, said that the United States, Japan and West Germany had each set aside $5 billion to defend the dollar within these ranges.

Treasury officials in London and Washington played down the Tokyo reports. The markets are, however, convinced that the major central banks will engage in a continued effort to prevent the dollar falling again.

The next test for the dollar will be the US trade figures, to be published a week tomorrow. But already, some dealers are saying that this week's action has shifted sentiment to such an extent the dollar may be past its worst.

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# 90 mph gales leave new trail of destruction

**By Peter Mulligan and Ian Smith**

Fierce gales reaching 90 mph brought flooding, road hazards and death to many parts of the country yesterday.

With winds reminiscent of last October's hurricane, weathermen issued urgent warnings and emergency services were on full alert.

One angler died and a six-hour search for his companion, missing off the Blackpool coast after their fishing boat capsized, was called off at nightfall. The dead man was named as Mr Edward George Newman, aged 64, of New Longton, Lancashire. He was a retired garage proprietor. The missing man is believed to be Mr Douglas Arkwright, of Penwortham, a nearby village.

A third man, stranded when the engine of his boat broke down 500 yards off Blackpool Pleasure Beach, was picked up by an inshore rescue boat. Mr Michael Riley, aged 39, a forklift truck driver from Farington, Lancashire, was released after treatment at Blackpool Victoria Hospital for exposure.

Coastguards criticized "foolhardy" fishing expeditions as two lifeboats, three inshore rescue dinghies and two RAF helicopters searched the coast around the northern resort.

Mr Stephen Cain, aged 23, of Burford, Oxfordshire, was decapitated when his motorcycle crashed into a wall on the A40 Cheltenham to Oxford road.

Mr Nigel Weedon, aged 17, his pillion passenger, was thrown off the motorcycle and sustained serious leg injuries.

Ambulancemen were so drenched by heavy rain at the scene that they had to strip to their underwear to work freely.

The Severn Bridge near Bristol was closed to all traffic for only the third time since it was built after a 32-tonne articulated lorry was blown on to its side by fierce winds. The driver was not hurt.

Elsewhere, trees were toppled and power cables were blown down, causing blackouts. Torrential rain, thunder and hail brought severe flooding in Sussex, Kent, Hampshire and Surrey.

The M20 and M2 in Kent and the A259 in Sussex were flooded and traffic was disrupted for long stretches. Channel crossings were cancelled and motor vehicles with a high centre of gravity heading for Channel ports were diverted along inland routes.

In Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire, there was extensive flooding of farmland and isolated houses when the River Severn burst its banks.

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Throughout Cornwall and Devon, trees were uprooted. Winds of 70 mph whipped the top off a National Trust commemorative monument near Camborne in Cornwall.

More than 40 cases of structural damage were reported in South Wales.

Five people escaped shaken but unhurt when a bus was blown off the road into a ditch outside Swindon, Wiltshire.

In the town itself, Delicia Speller, aged nine, escaped unhurt when her home was struck by lightning, a The bedroom ceiling collapsed on top of her.

Near Devizes, Wiltshire, the B3098 was blocked by a landslip and near Bicester, Oxfordshire, a woman motorist was taken to hospital after high winds brought a tree down on to her car.

The London Weather Centre forecast cold, clear weather today, with no more than a fresh breeze.

# Soviet city drops name of 'unperson' Brezhnev

**From Christopher Walker**
**Moscow**

First left past what used to be STALIN STREET, then RIGHT into what used to be BREZHNEV SQUARE...
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The public disgracing of Leonid Brezhnev, the late Soviet leader, intensified yesterday when his name was stripped from a Soviet city and from public squares in Moscow and Leningrad.

A Tass announcement said that the decision to revoke the name of the late party and state leader had been taken at the request of the respective local populations and approved by the Central Committee of the Communist Party, the Praesidium of the

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## BP offer ends

Take-up of the Bank of England's 70p offer for British Petroleum shares appeared modest last night. The offer, closed at 3pm yesterday.

## Cronin capped

Damien Cronin, the Bath forward, is the one newcomer in the Scotland rugby team to play Ireland in Dublin on January 16......... Pages 33,34

## Top jobs

More computing jobs for women are available than there are candidates, says an introduction to today's five-page General Appointments section........ Pages 23-27

## Portfolio

- **There is £8,000 to be won today in The Times Portfolio Gold competition — double the usual amount because there was no winner yesterday. Portfolio list, page 21.**

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### 'Bungling of foam controls will cost hundreds of lives'

# Fire chiefs condemn new furniture laws

**By David Sapsted**

The country's most senior fire officers will launch an unprecedented attack on the Government tomorrow, accusing it of bungling laws to control the use of polyurethane foam in furniture.

A ban will be demanded on the foam — which gives off cyanide fumes when it burns — to save some of the hundreds of people who die each year from fume inhalation.

The Chief and Assistant Chief Fire Officers' Association is calling its first press conference to confront the Government over the issue.

For a decade the association has quietly applied behind-the-scenes pressure in Whitehall for much tougher controls. After the deaths of 10 children in fires over the first five days of the year, the brigade chiefs have decided to voice their demands.

Mr Brian Fuller, chief officer of West Midlands Brigade and president of the association said: "It is time this dreadful stuff was banned. We have to tell the Government that it has got the proposed legislation on tightening controls dreadfully wrong."

He will be joined at the London press conference by the chief officers of the country's three other largest fire brigades — London, Greater Manchester and Grampian — plus representatives from the Fire Protection Association, the Fire Research Association and the British Standards Institution.

Mr Frances Maude, Under Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, says the proposed legislation will give Britain the world's toughest controls on the use of foam, making it a criminal offence to breach a new code of practice.

Fire officers believe, however, that the sale of potentially fatal, polyurethane-filled furniture will continue.

The depth of the fire chiefs' concern was illustrated yesterday when Somerset County Council protested directly to the Prime Minister over the lack of action and called for laws to be introduced requiring that all foam-filled furniture be fire-proofed.

Somerset's chief fire officer, Mr Nigel Musselwhite, said that two-thirds of the 600-800 people who died in fires each year perished as a direct result of burning foam. His men, he said, were sick of carrying children "like pathetic bundles" from burning homes.

He said government proposals for tougher controls, outlined in a consultative document last year, were inadequate because the foam would still be too easy to ignite. "Just four breaths of the fumes it gives off is enough to kill someone", he said.

The working party who drew up the code of practice proposed last year consisted of two Whitehall departments, the Home Office and the Department of Trade and Industry, and representatives from the furniture industry.

A DTI spokesman said that it was considered "adequate" to have the Home Office representing the views of fire brigades.

However, nearly every brigade in the country had declared it unacceptable that, as proposed in the code, high-resilience polyurethane foam should continue to be used.

Mr Derek Prentice, a safety officer at the Consumers' Association, said it was disappointing that membership of the working party had not been extended to consumer groups.

Greater Manchester's assistant chief officer, Mr Bob Graham, who was in charge of a series of tests on the flammability and dangers of the foam, has accused the Government of preparing a new code which reflects the needs of the industry, rather than the public interest.

The British Safety Council said it warned the Government of the dangers 20 years. The Home Office had "signally failed to understand or act on our warnings".

Mr James Tye, the council's director general, said that any laws the Government introduced would be too late. He added: "The only acceptable answer is for the Government to now make it mandatory for smoke detectors to be installed in two million homes and to make a grant available for this purpose.

"Thousands will die needlessly, particularly children and the elderly, unless realistic action is taken."

The National Association of Retail Furnishers will discuss the latest furore over the use of foam at its board of management meeting later this month. It is expected to discuss how safer foams can be incorporated in furniture with the added price of the fire-proofed material being passed on to customers on a cost-only basis.

It was also disclosed yesterday that new safety standards on foam padding in car seats being considered by the European Commission will be only half as strict as those in force in the United States.

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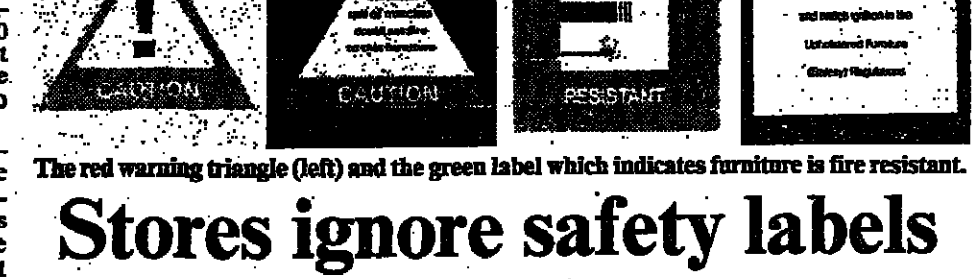

The red warning triangle (left) and the green label which indicates furniture is fire resistant.

# Stores ignore safety labels

**By Ruth Gledhill**

A spot check of some of London's leading furniture stores showed that virtually no items displayed the green label which declares them "resistant" to the flame of a match.

Even where furniture would apparently fail the match test but pass a "smouldering cigarette" test, few items carried the regulation triangular red labels.

When I told one salesman in the Queensway store at Camberwell Green, south-east London, that the sofa I was thinking of buying was for my chain-smoking grandmother, he suggested: "Keep a bucket of water beside it".

Questioned about the red labels on some of the showroom sofas, he said: "It does not mean anything. It does not mean the sofa will burst into flames. We have it there because it is the law. I have no idea what kind of foam is in the furniture."

When asked about the foam-filled furniture, other salesmen and women were mostly ignorant about why the labels were there, what they meant, what kind of foam was in the furniture or how dangerous it could be.

The best that most of them could do was to say something to the effect that if there were any labels on the furniture, they were there purely to comply with the law.

The saleswoman at the London Sofa-Bed Centre in Tottenham Court Road did not know the safety classification of any of the items in the shop, where no red or green labels were conspicuous.

When asked about a convertible foam sofa with a synthetic cover, she admitted: "It would burn but then everything does these days".

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NEWS ROUNDUP

# Council suspends chief executive

Mr Tom Caulcott, chief executive of Birmingham City Council, was suspended from service yesterday.

Mr Caulcott, aged 60, is due to retire in May. He was sent home on full pay by the Labour-controlled council pending an inquiry into remarks he allegedly made about certain councillors to his potential successors.

His suspension came as 10 candidates were being interviewed for his post. The position, which carries a salary of £65,000 a year, is regarded as one of the top jobs in local government in the country.

Mr Dick Knowles, the Labour leader of the council, said in a statement yesterday: "The decision to suspend Mr Caulcott followed remarks and innuendoes he was alleged to have made about elected members and about the city council generally when talking to candidates for his job.

"We feel that in view of the seriousness of the allegations we have no option but to suspend the chief executive so that a proper and formal inquiry can be carried out."

# Jail staff in talks

Prison officers' leaders and Home Office officials are to meet tomorrow to try to prevent industrial action in Britain's prisons after a ballot over a manpower dispute.

The dispute involves a new work programme for prison officers called Fresh Start.

Mr John Bartell, chairman of the Prison Officers' Association, said there should be no doubt about the resolve of the union if the talks fail since only two out of 135 branches had voted against some form of industrial action.

# Cleveland crisis plan

New cases of child abuse in Cleveland may be allocated to unqualified and inexperienced welfare workers because of the staffing crisis in the county's social services department, it was disclosed yesterday.

In one town a social work team has only one qualified member and is having to care for 16 families in which child abuse has been confirmed or suspected.

The county is finding it impossible to recruit social workers as a direct consequence of the child sexual abuse crisis and the subsequent judicial inquiry.

# Firm brings 500 jobs

The Japanese electronics company Sanyo is to open a factory in the north-east of England, creating 500 new jobs.

Sanyo will make microwave ovens in a previously disused factory on a site at Newton Aycliffe, Co Durham, where most of the new jobs will be based. It is also expected to build a components plant at Stockton-on-Tees.

Sanyo will be the twentieth Japanese company to set up in the region. The plant is expected to be in operation by the middle of the year.

# New lines for actress

Penelope Keith, star of the television series *To The Manor Born*, is to be host in a new series of *What's My Line?* for Thames Television next month.

Twenty-five editions of the quiz show are to be produced. The programme was first screened by the BBC in 1951 and Eamonn Andrews was its host when Thames brought the show back in 1984.

Miss Keith said yesterday: "It is a great honour but it is also very daunting. *What's My Line?* was very much part of my childhood."

# Blood crisis looming

Hospitals in the North and north-west of England may have to cancel operations because of a serious shortage of blood in Liverpool and Manchester.

Mersey Regional Blood Transfusion centre, which covers surgical units in Merseyside, Cheshire and North Wales, last night made an urgent appeal for donors to help avoid the looming crisis and warned that blood supplies would run out in three days.

Yesterday the Blood Transfusion Centre in Manchester had to get extra supplies of blood from the centre in Birmingham as its stock also fell to critical levels.

# Deadlock in chess rematch

By Harry Golombek
Chess Correspondent

**The Russian grandmaster Psakhis gained a strong position in round eight of the Hastings Chess Tournament yesterday against Benjamin's Nimzowitsch Defence to the king's pawn opening.**

**But after queens were exchanged at move 11 he was content to accept a draw on move 13.**

**Speelman, playing against the Grunfeld Defence of Nigel Davies, temporarily sacrificed two pawns to create some weaknesses. Davies accepted the offer, however, and when Speelman recovered the material there was not enough left to make a win possible, the draw was agreed at move 20.**

**Chandler and Nunn had reached an ending, each having bishop, knight and four pawns after three hours, which produced a draw in 36 moves.**

**Larsen gained possession of an open c-file against Short and last night the complications seemed likely to produce the only decisive result.**
**Scores: Short 4½ and one unfinished, Speelman 4½; Benjamin, Nunn and Psakhis 4, Larsen 4 and one unfinished; Chandler 3½; Davies 2½.**

**● Nigel Short, the English grandmaster, was placed sixth yesterday in the World Chess Federation rankings for the first half of 1988 (Raymond Keene writes).**

**The list is headed by Gary Kasparov, the reigning world champion who has achieved a personal life time best of 2750.**

**His defeated challenger, Anatoly Karpov, is second on 2715, with the Dutch grandmaster, Jan Timman, third on 2675.**

**Short's score of 2630 and the 2625 of Jon Speelman who is ranked equal ninth are the best totals yet by Britons. John Nunn on 2615 shares 14th place.**

# Eight pits halted by pickets

By Tim Jones

British Coal was last night considering legal action against the National Union of Mineworkers after flying pickets stopped production in eight South Yorkshire pits in support of three men who had been moved off a tunnelling team because their performance was said to be unsatisfactory.

Mr Ken Horton, British Coal's area director, described the stoppage as "ludicrous and lemming-like" and said lawyers were looking into the dispute because secondary picketing wass unlawful. He said the strike by 7,000 miners was a local dispute but some union leaders said it could spread to all 19 pits.

The dispute started last Monday when three men employed on development work at Bentley colliery, near Doncaster, were moved to other duties.

British Coal said there had been meetings about their performance and as it did not improve they were given other work to do. Yesterday, about 100 flying pickets from Bentley went to seven other pits near by and miners refused to cross their lines.

Mr Horton said the action, which yesterday led to the loss of 30,000 tonnes of coal and cost the men £250,000 in wages, could prevent future coalfield investment.

He denied union claims that the men had not been given adequate equipment and said there had been requests from the two other tunelling teams not to share their bonus payments with the three men. "This is an indication that the others feel the men were not pulling their weight."

Mr Bob Stayring, the NUM lodge chairman at Bentley, said the pickets had been sent out in order to prevent British Coal from taking similar action against other teams.

# Guillotine hint over schools Bill debate

By John Clare
Education Correspondent

Parliamentary debate on the Education Reform Bill will be guillotined, Mr Kenneth Baker hinted yesterday.

The Secretary of State for Education and Science said that within the next fortnight the time spent debating the Bill in committee would exceed that devoted to the Education Act of 1944.

"I want to ensure an even debate over the whole range of subjects covered by the Bill. Clearly more progress will have to be made", Mr Baker told the North of England Education Conference in Nottingham.

The suggestion of a guillotine was immediately condemned by Mr Fred Jarvis, general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, who protested that while the 1944 Act was based on consensus, "this Bill is based on anything but".

The 600 conference delegates heard Mr Baker's speech in silence and gave it only perfunctory applause.

He devoted much of it to rejecting criticisms that the Bill gave him too much power, insisting that it was "clearly consistent with constitutional doctrine". He said the proposed national curriculum was not concerned with the distribution of power, its purpose was educational.

"It is about enhancing the life chances of young people. It is about the devolution of authority and responsibility. It is about competition, choice and freedom."

Too many young people were leaving school ill equipped for adult life, Mr Baker said. Too many schools were depressingly mediocre. Too many children were allowed to drop essential subjects at the age of 14. Too many teachers expected too little of their pupils.

Up to now, Mr Baker said, the nation had ducked the crucial issue of what pupils should study and for how long. Thus many girls left school with no sound understanding of science, our ability to speak and understand foreign languages was in a sorry state, and most school leavers had low levels of technological competence.

Mr Baker said those matters could not be resolved by leaving each local education authority and every school to determine the composition and direction of the curriculum.

The Government's plan to allow schools to opt out of local education control was designed to "carry the concept of parental choice to the heart of our education system". Such schools would be a threat only to the complacent and the second best.

He defended the Bill's proposal to test children at the ages of 7 and 11, pointing out that the vast majority of primary schools already tested pupils in reading and mathematics. The problem at present was that too many primary schools had no clear objectives.

Turning to higher education, Mr Baker said the powers the Bill gave him over universities and polytechnics had been much misunderstood. He said the two new funding councils would have a greater independence from the Government than the bodies they replace, the University Grants Committee and the National Advisory Body for public-sector higher education.

The power the Bill gave him to direct the funding councils was "very much a power of last resort".

"The Government has no wish to interfere in the running of the universities and the polytechnics and colleges. Our purpose is to clarify their objectives, require them to give an account of their stewardship to their customers and their cash providers and allow the vice-chancellors to manage properly the institutions for which they have responsibility."

# £1m appeal as new cases of meningitis are reported

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

The National Meningitis Trust yesterday called on the Government to allocate £1 million for immediate research into the disease as six new cases were confirmed in South Wales.

They include a boy aged nine from South Glamorgan who is in intensive care at the University Hospital, Cardiff. The others are two women aged 27 and 24, a girl aged seven months, another aged 19 months, and a boy aged 14 months.

Nearly a third of children were absent from schools in Malvern, Hereford and Worcester, yesterday as worried parents reacted to the recent outbreak there.

A girl aged 16 died suddenly from meningitis in the North Staffordshire Royal Infirmary.

Helen Tomlinson, a pupil at Endon High School, near Leek, is the seventh person to die from the disease in the area in the last two years; sixty cases have been reported in that time.

The disease has claimed dozens of victims over the recent holiday period. Deaths have also been reported in Kent, Plymouth, Portsmouth and Inverness.

Although no new cases have been confirmed in Malvern eight people — four children and four adults — have been admitted to hospital in the county in the last 48 hours with suspected meningitis. Tests for meningococcal meningitis have so far proved negative. One child has been discharged.

Laboratory tests on the three people who died in Malvern over Christmas show that a boy aged 18 had the B15 strain of the disease — the strain which affected Stroud, Gloucestershire. The other cases could not be matched against any strains which had been analysed previously in the laboratory at Manchester.

Dr Brian McCloskey, acting medical officer for Hereford and Worcester, said he was reassured that the results meant the disease had not spread between the three cases.

The two other confirmed cases, girls aged 16 and six, were continuing to improve in Worcester Royal Infirmary yesterday.

Dr McCloskey stressed that there was no advantage in keeping children at home as the disease could not be spread by normal social contact. "It takes prolonged and close contact for the disease to spread and people should not isolate themselves".

The district has now set up a telephone hotline (0905 28897) which parents can ring if they are worried or need advice.

Meanwhile the National Meningitis Trust has called on the Government to allocate £1 million immediately for research into the disease.

The call came as Government officials suggested that the outbreak may have reached its peak.

The Department of Health and Social Security said the pattern of the disease looked almost the same as it did when it last peaked in 1974 before the cases levelled off.

Department figures show that 1,058 cases of meningococcal meningitis were reported in England and Wales last year up to December 18 — twice the number in 1985 but less than the 1,296 cases in 1974.

The National Meningitis Trust has challenged the Government to show it is taking the problem seriously, by offering financial support.

Mrs Jacky Totterdell, the trust's co-ordinator, said: "The million pounds is desperately needed to try to unravel the very real mysteries surrounding the disease. The DHSS has spent £144,000 in the last year on research into meningitis but this is just a drop in the ocean."

Mrs Totterdell said that the trust, which began as a local group in Stroud after the outbreak in 1986, was aiming to raise £1 million for research through donations and sponsorship.

"We challenge the Department of Health to match this immediately", she said.

The DHSS said that both the Medical Research Council and itself were prepared to consider funding requests for specific research projects.

# Storm halts bridge traffic

Gale-force winds of up to 80 mph blew this articulated 32-tonne lorry on to its side on the Severn Bridge near Bristol yesterday. The driver was unhurt, but the lorry was not righted for some time because of the stormy weather. Police cordoned off the bridge for four hours.

# EEC tax unity 'too costly'

By Nicholas Wood, Political Correspondent

The EEC plan for uniform rates of indirect taxation throughout the Community would cost Britain's taxpayers £1 billion a year, according to Treasury figures disclosed yesterday in a new analysis underlining the Government's opposition to the scheme.

The cost of essentials such as food, petrol and gas and electricity would rise by at least 4 per cent while there would be sharp decreases in luxuries such as tobacco and alcohol.

According to the new figures, petrol prices would jump by 20p a gallon, but cigarettes would be 12p cheaper for a packet of 20 and the cost of a bottle of spirits would fall by £2.30 as the duty was reduced by 40 per cent. The tax on table wine would be slashed by 85 per cent, reducing the price of a bottle by 70p.

The first detailed analysis of the impact of the reforms tabled by Lord Cockfield, the senior British commissioner in Brussels, is set out in a Treasury memorandum published in a report from an all-party committee of MPs.

The Treasury says cutting the price of drink and tobacco would raise "major social implications" for policy on health and law and order.

At the same time, the VAT changes would adversely affect the poor. Overall, tax approximation, as it is called, would limit the Chancellor's scope for changing the tax structure and weaken one of the most important tools of fiscal management.

Under the Single European Act, the proposals are due to come into effect by the end of 1992 as part of the process of eliminating economic barriers between member states.

On VAT the commission envisages a reduced rate band of between 4 and 9 per cent and a standard rate of between 14 and 20 per cent. On excise duties, it wants complete uniformity across national frontiers. However, changes can only be made with the agreement of all member states.

News International

# Better service for readers

By Richard Evans, Media Editor

Readers of News International titles — *The Times, The Sunday Times, The Sun, News of the World* and *Today* — were promised an improved service last night after the successful rationalization of the company's wholesale newspaper distribution system.

The streamlining, which should lead to more efficient delivery of newspapers, comes after the company's decision last October to divide England, excluding London, into 182 areas and invite businesses and individuals to put in bids to distribute all News International publications seven days a week.

At present 1,000 wholesale distributors deliver Sunday newspapers to retailers and about 400 distributors carry weekday publications. The new system will come into effect from February 1 and is expected to save the company millions of pounds each year.

More than 600 tenders were received. Independent wholesalers won the right to distribute News International titles in about 100 of the districts, while 34 of the areas will have newspapers delivered by NWC, a subsidiary of TNT, which transports papers from the company's plant at Wapping, east London.

W H Smith, the biggest wholesale distributor, and Menzies made successful bids in a small number of districts but both lost a substantial amount of work overall.

Mr Bill O'Neill, managing director of News International Newspapers, said last night: "We certainly believe that the whole exercise has been worthwhile because it has rationalized our wholesalers into a dedicated group of 182 as opposed to 1,000, and apart from the cost advantage the company would expect to receive, we would expect it to result in a far more efficient delivery service to our retailers — and in turn to our readers."

Successful applicants were not always those who had submitted the lowest bid. "An assessment was done, very carefully taking into account how we expected the applicants to service our products, as well as the cost factor.

"There were some tenders that were so low that they were rejected on the basis that we believed they would have gone out of business within a couple of weeks. It boiled down to a combination of cost and ability."

W H Smith had lost a lot of work "because their costs were too high," he added.

# Gaitskell file protest

Mrs Thatcher is to be asked why a file in the papers of former Prime Minister Mr Harold Macmillan on the then leader of the Labour Party Mr Hugh Gaitskell is to be kept secret for 75 years.

The document entitled *Leader of the Opposition* is among papers from Mr Macmillan's office being stored at the Public Record Office in Kew.

Mr Tam Dalyell, Labour MP for Linlithgow, said he had been appalled to know that such a file existed.

The file was either on political or personal matters. "If it is political, what is the basis of extending the period from 30 years to 75 years and on whose judgement what it made? If it is personal, such a file had no right to exist."

The Public Record Office said it had not previously known of a Prime Minister to keep a file on the opposition leader.

# Young Conservatives shedding old fogy image

By Louise Jury and Nicholas Wood

**The Young Conservatives are planning to rid themselves of their "old fogy marriage bureau" image at a relaunch of the organization at their annual conference next month.**

**Out will go dated Sixties logos and the slogan, "Britain's Youth, Britain's Future", in favour of a fresh new look intended to carry the 30,000-strong body into the next century.**

**Its leaders are also planning to introduce a less formal local structure aimed at appealing to a wider cross-section of young people interested in specific issues such as Aids or the young homeless, but reluctant to commit themselves to regular weekly meetings and to fighting elections.**

**Mrs Shirley Stotter, the Conservative Central Office assistant director responsible for youth, said the YCs had been unfairly saddled with the "table tennis" image since Tony Hancock, the comedian, lampooned the organization back in the 1950s.**

**Mr Nicholas Robinson, its chairman, was working on a series of measures aimed at sharpening its image and broadening its appeal, she said. He envisaged a looser local structure made up of a core of activists ready to take on chores such as fighting elections, plus an outer ring of 400 or 500 young people becoming involved from time to time.**

**"People do see the YCs as coming from the shire counties, with their parents wearing twin sets and driving a Rover, but they are not like that at all. They come from a very wide cross-section of society and they are not all 'Hooray Henrys', as the press always seems to depict them."**

**Mr Robinson has been holding informal meetings with advertising executives with the intention of devising a new look in time for the Eastbourne conference in mid-February. However, there is some doubt whether the YCs will be able to meet their deadline.**

**An internal report, *Marketing the Young Conservatives*, made depressing reading for leading activists when they discussed it last month. It said Young Conservatives were commonly seen as "socially uninspiring people looking for a wife/husband" and were associated with "mindless reactionary support for right-wing politics".**

**Mr Robinson told *The Times* that they wanted a new look, putting across an organization that was go-ahead, influential and incisive.**

**They wanted to rid themselves of the reputation for being an "old fogy marriage bureau and a bunch of old Nazis".**

**Ironically, given the popular perception of the YCs as a right-wing body, it has been controlled by the left of the Tory Party since the end of the Fifties.**

**But that could change at Eastbourne next month where the right are expected to mount a concerted challenge for the leadership — a prospect that is causing some alarm at Conservative Central Office.**

**Their hand has been strengthened by an influx of new recruits from the Federation of Conservative Students, which was wound up by Mr Norman Tebbit a year ago after the antics of its extremist activists proved too much of an embarrassment.**

**Mr Robinson, who describes himself as a moderate but is branded a "wet" by his opponents, said: "The group of infiltrators is well organized and well funded".**

**He is being challenged by Mr Andrew Tinney, chairman of the South East YCs, who repudiates the far right libertarian tag and describes himself as the centre right candidate.**

**"The party is worried about the extreme right coming in on the centre-right's coat tails, but the extremists are on the fringe this year. We have nothing to do with them."**

**Mr Harry Phibbs, the libertarian activist whose claim that Lord Stockton was guilty of war crimes broke Mr Tebbit's patience with the FCS, is also expected to stand for the chairmanship.**

# Call for return of winning spirit

By Andrew Morgan

Sports bodies yesterday welcomed the leaked report of a working party set up by the Inner London Education Authority which called for an overhaul of attitudes to school sports, including an increase in competitiveness.

Ilea has been accused for several years of engendering a philosophy of non-competitiveness, with allegations of several sports being regarded as sexist and instilling elitism.

The report of the group, chaired by Professor Peter McIntosh, a former government chief inspector of education, makes 76 recommendations. They include specific time allocation to physical education in the curriculum, with a new emphasis on competition, and financial support for pupils winning places at national centres of excellence.

The group, largely educationists assembled by Mr Bernard Wiltshire, Ilea's deputy chairman, suggests that the authority should "officially encourage" teachers coaching teams for inter-school sport and organizing matches.

Mr Malcolm Bridge, headmaster of Granard Junior School, in Putney, south London, said yesterday that Ilea had refused to allow his school to use its playing fields for traditional games during school hours.

"Ilea will say that there is no anti-competitive policy but the priority is non-existent. Without support, the spirit just fades away", he said.

"It has been made clear that games must be played outside school hours in the private time of both teachers and children. Fortunately, we still have several traditional teams but this is inspite of Ilea, not because of it", he added.

Mr Nigel Hook, of the Central Council of Physical Recreation, yesterday said he hoped the report's recommendations would help Ilea attain the standards of sporting excellence it held 15 years ago.

"If it encourages more competition, then other authorities — Labour-controlled as well as in the shires — are likely to follow.

Ilea yesterday denied that it had a policy of non-competitiveness, insisting that team sport, usually carried on after school hours, had declined because of the teachers' pay dispute.

It claimed that out of 750 inner-city primary schools, only three opted out of competitive sport on principle, but that was the result of "curriculum problems". However, a report in 1986 from the Secondary Heads' Association revealed a considerable decline in team sport.

The report, called *My Favourite Things* and published in full next Monday, will now go to committee.

# Army acts over 'IRA missiles'

By Michael Evans
Defence Correspondent

Anti-missile systems are believed to have been fitted to all helicopters used by the security forces in Northern Ireland amid fears that the IRA has acquired the Sam-7.

Three months ago Soviet-made Sam-7 surface to air missile parts were discovered on the freighter MV Eksund, although the Ministry of Defence says there is no clear evidence that the IRA owns such a weapon.

The Army Air Corps, apart from moving troops, operates a fleet of Lynx and Gazelle helicopters fitted with "helitele" instant air-to-ground colour TV reconnaissance and surveillance systems.

The new equipment is understood to consist of the American Sanders AN/ALQ-144 infra-red counter-measure system, which confuses incoming heat-seeking missiles such as the Sam-7 with jamming and decoy flares. The 28lb system, which is mounted on the upper fuselage, is designed by a Lockheed company.

It is believed the equipment may also be linked to a Tracor AN/ALE-40 chaff dispenser.

The Ministry of Defence would not comment on the suggestion that missile defence equipment has been fitted. It was confirmed, however, that general-purpose machine guns were being carried by some helicopters in Northern Ireland.

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# Parents lose battle in court over heart operation for son

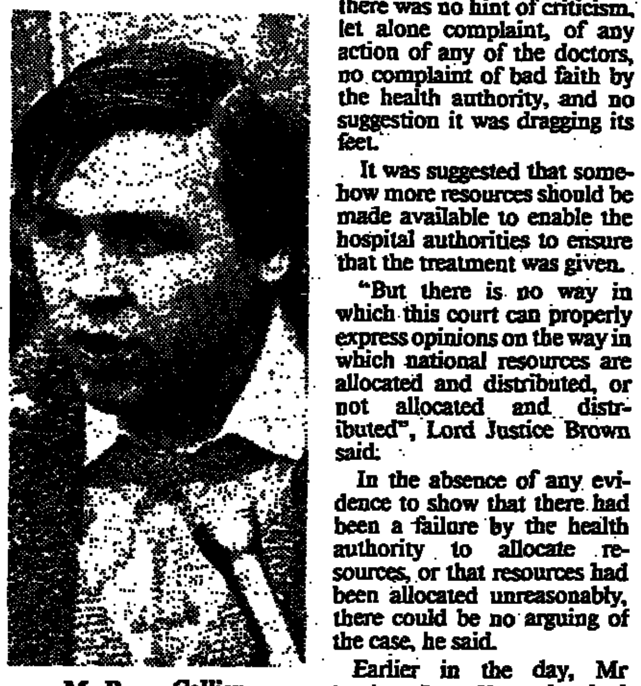
By Michael McCarthy

The parents of a boy awaiting open heart surgery yesterday failed to win a court order for the operation to be brought forward.

First the High Court then the Court of Appeal rejected applications from the parents of Matthew Collier, aged four, for an order against the West Midlands Area Health Authority. The operation has been postponed three times since October because of a shortage of trained nursing staff at Birmingham Children's Hospital.

It was the second time in two months that such court action had been tried unsuccessfully: the parents of another boy, David Barber, who died last month after his operation was eventually carried out, made a similar attempt to obtain a ruling against the same health authority and hospital.

The judgement in that case of the Master of the Rolls, Lord Donaldson, that the courts could not decide the allocation of National Health Service resources, was recalled yesterday in the Court of Appeal by Lord Justice Brown, when he refused the Collier application with the agreement of Lord Justice Neil and Lord Justice Gibson.



Mr Barry Collier yesterday.

"The courts of this country cannot arrange the waiting-lists of hospitals", Lord Justice Brown said.

"While I have every sympathy with Mr Collier and his family and understand the pressing anxiety in the case of their little boy, it does seem unfortunate that this procedure has been adopted. It is wholly misconceived."

Earlier he said an order was being sought on the grounds that the Secretary of State for Social Services was under a general duty under the National Health Service Act, 1977, to continue the promotion in England and Wales of a comprehensive health service, and that under Section Three of the Act he had the duty to provide hospital accommodation and medical services.

It was submitted, he said, that the West Midlands Health Authority, on behalf of the Secretary of State, was in breach of its duty in its failure to provide the treatment which was anticipated by statute.

But it was recognized that there was no hint of criticism, let alone complaint, of any action of any of the doctors, no complaint of bad faith by the health authority, and no suggestion it was dragging its feet.

It was suggested that somehow more resources should be made available to enable the hospital authorities to ensure that the treatment was given.

"But there is no way in which this court can properly express opinions on the way in which national resources are allocated and distributed, or not allocated and distributed", Lord Justice Brown said.

In the absence of any evidence to show that there had been a failure by the health authority to allocate resources, or that resources had been allocated unreasonably, there could be no arguing of the case, he said.

Earlier in the day, Mr Justice Ian Kennedy had given a similar judgement in a 40-minute private hearing in the High Court, ruling that the allocation of National Health Service resources was an issue he had no jurisdiction to investigate.

After the hearings Matthew's father, Mr Barry Collier, aged 34, of Willenhall, Walsall, who had travelled to London to attend, said he was "deeply disappointed".

Matthew, who has a hole in his heart and a missing valve, was getting weaker every day, he said. "Time is of the essence. I cannot think of anything else we can do now.

"If it is the court's decision, it is the court's decision. But if the Government put sufficient funds into the health service the funds would be there for Matthew to have his operation."

Matthew was steadily losing weight, he said, and he felt that if he lost much more he would not be able to survive the operation when it did come.

His wife, Mrs Patricia Collier, aged 32, said at her home she feared time was running out for her son.

After giving him oxygen for a chest infection she said: "He is so weak he cannot fight a common cold, and we had to call out the doctor last night.

"Thankfully Matthew can't understand what has happened today, but I think he will probably feel our disappointment at the court's decision.

"I think it was terrible, and I don't think Matthew will be able to hold out much longer.

"We thought we had a really good case to fight on Matthew's behalf because he is four and a half now and we think he has suffered enough."

Mr David Winnick, the Labour MP for Walsall North, said he would be seeking an emergency Commons debate on Matthew's case and the situation of Birmingham Children's Hospital when the House of Commons resumes on Monday.

"The whole country understands the anxiety of the parents and others whose children are awaiting emergency operations", he said.

# New hope for kidney patients

Victoria Hughes, aged eight, one of the youngest surviving kidney transplant patients, with Dr Tony Wing at yesterday's launch of the 21st anniversary celebrations for the National Kidney Research Fund (Photograph: John Rogers).

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Several hundred patients are to take part in trials of a new treatment to overcome one of the most debilitating complications of kidney failure.

They will be injected with a hormone called erythropoietin, which stimulates bone marrow to make red blood cells.

The new treatment is possible because genetic engineers have discovered a way of making the hormone in the laboratory. If it proves successful, patients under treatment for acute kidney failure will no longer need regular blood transfusions.

Dr Tony Wing, a renal consultant at St Thomas's Hospital, south-east London, said yesterday: "Normal production of erythropoietin by the kidneys is disrupted when they are damaged.

"When there is a lack of the hormone to stimulate the bone marrow to become a red blood cell factory, patients suffer from anaemia to a varying degree. For some it is devastating. Anaemic patients become tired and listless. In some cases there is not enough haemoglobin to supply oxygen to the heart, and patients suffer angina and cannot get about."

Dr Wing, who is also director of the European Dialysis and Transplant Association, outlined plans for trials of the new treatment to mark the 21st anniversary of the National Kidney Research Fund.

The charity's anniversary celebrations were launched by Victoria Hughes, aged eight, of Harrow, north-west London, who is one of the youngest surviving transplant patients. Before she received her new kidney at the age of two, at Guy's Hospital, London, Victoria was given only a year to live.

She recovered and now leads a normal life, enjoying riding, swimming and gymnastics.

Victoria is one of 7,000 surviving recipients of a kidney graft in Britain.

There are about another 7,000 cases of acute failure who are receiving dialysis treatment until a transplant in available. It is among this group that the lack of erythropoietin causes devastating complications.

The eventual cost of the hormone for regular treatment is still unknown, Dr Wing said. The immediate purpose of the trials is to determine whether it should be given to all patients who are on long-term dialysis, and in what dosages.

The fund hopes to increase and extend its work in the next 21 years but it needs to raise £6 million in the next three years to finance all its projects.

# Baroness is jointly accused of murder

The wife of a German baron and two of her children were yesterday accused at Hereford magistrates court of murdering her ex-husband, the children's father.

Baroness Susan De Stempel, aged 53, her son Xenophen, aged 26, and daughter Georgina, aged 25, were charged with jointly murdering Mr Simon Dale, a retired architect, at Hopton Heath, Herefordshire, in September. Mr Dale, aged 68, was found battered to death in the kitchen of his 50-room Queen Anne mansion.

The baroness's husband, Baron Michael De Stempel, aged 58, a London economist, is jointly charged with the three of conspiring to defraud the baroness's aunt, Lady Illingworth, and her estate between 1983 and 1987.

Lady Illingworth, who died in 1986, was the widow of Sir Albert Illingworth, a former Conservative Cabinet Minister who was Postmaster General in 1920. All four defendants were remanded in custody for seven days.

## Jury out

The jury in the murder trial of Joseph Robb, aged 41, a Canadian businessman who killed his wife's lover in a London hotel, retires today to consider its verdict.

## Farmer killed

A farmer, Mr John Britton, aged 53, of Dittisham, Dartmouth, Devon, was decapitated by a digger machine reclaiming land at an old quarry.

## Barge burnt

Arsonists yesterday caused £21,000 damage to a historic Oxford river barge, the Jesus College, built in 1910, at its mooring at Folly Bridge. The barge, owned by the Oxford Barge Preservation Trust, was almost destroyed.

## Du Pré show

A memorial concert for Jaqueline du Pré, the cellist who died of multiple sclerosis last year, is to be held at Norwich Cathedral. The show was the idea of the Duchess of Kent, it will feature pupils of Miss du Pré.

## MP jailed

Cecil Walker, the Ulster Unionist MP for Belfast North, was jailed yesterday for refusing to pay a fine imposed for staging an illegal march as part of protests against the Anglo-Irish agreement.

## Appeal record

Planning appeals in England and Wales in 1986-87 reached a record of 19,856, an increase of 11 per cent on the 17,839 received in the previous year.

## 'Ghastly' view

Proposals to relax planning controls on signs at business premises would lead to the proliferation of "ghastly illuminated boxes" in high streets, according to the Council for the Protection of Rural England.

## Clearly safe

Staff at a housing benefit office in Bridgwater, Somerset, are to be protected by a £20,000 glass screen after changes in entitlement enraged customers.

## Relic repairs

The repair of two caskets containing religious relics in Westminster Cathedral, central London, allegedly damaged on Christmas Eve, will cost £250, Horseferry Road magistrates were told yesterday. John Braddock, aged 41, was further remanded in custody charged with criminal damage.

## Laid to rest

Four Roman skeletons unearthed at Scole, Norfolk, are to be reburied in a special ceremony at Diss near by. The rector, the Rev Michael Paddison, said: "It will be a proper Christian service".

## Death remand

John Cannan, aged 33, of Bristol, appeared in court for the thirteenth time yesterday charged with kidnapping and murdering Shirley Banks, aged 29. He was remanded in custody for eight days by Bristol magistrates.

# Nurses 'put man in scalding bath'

An elderly man died after he was put into a scalding bath by two nurses who had failed to test the water temperature, an inquest was told yesterday.

Mr Bill Parker, aged 64, died as a result of heart failure after suffering nearly 40 per cent burns.

Mr Michael Black, a burns specialist, told the hearing: "The burns were catastrophic and set off a sequence of events which eventually ended with the man dying".

Suzanne Luck and Thomasina Jackson, both state enrolled nurses, took Mr Parker for his daily bath at Burnside House old people's home in Whitley Bay, Tyne and Wear, last September.

The inquest in Newcastle upon Tyne was told that each thought the other had tested the water and they lowered Mr Parker, who was paralysed after suffering two strokes, into the bath.

When he screamed in agony, the nurses tried to pull him out. Other staff rushed to the scene when they heard him cry out and they eventually managed to lift him out.

Mr Parker, of Cheadle Avenue, Wallsend, Tyne and Wear, died at Newcastle General Hospital seven days after the incident. Charges of negligence have been brought against the two nurses.

The inquest jury returned a verdict of misadventure.

# Mother in debt killed daughters

Yasmin Kempley killed her three daughters in a fume-filled hired car after drugging herself and the children with sleeping tablets.

Southwark Coroner's Court in south London was told that Mrs Kempley, aged 28, had struggled to raise the children on her own as her husband, Leonard, was frequently in prison.

Mrs Kempley was in debt and suffering poor health. In one of seven suicide letters she wrote, she said she did not want to leave her children to be cared for by strangers after her death, as happened when a friend of hers committed suicide a few years before.

Mrs Kempley also wrote to the police alleging that a close man friend had stolen cocaine from her and the pair were involved in drug trafficking.

But Det Insp Colin Lloyd said he found no evidence to confirm Mrs Kempley's claims.

Mr Kempley, who was released from prison on Tuesday, told the inquest he had informed police of his wife's intention to kill herself after he received a letter from her.

Police went to her house in Oakridge Road, Downham, Bromley, Kent, on November 14 but found no one there.

Mrs Kempley and her three daughters, Hayley, aged nine, Stacey, aged eight and Becky, aged six, were found in a car parked in Lewisham, south-east London, the next day.

A pipe led from the exhaust to inside the car and the windows had been sealed. Dr Michael Heath, a pathologist, said they died from carbon monoxide poisoning.

Sir Montague Levine, the coroner, said Mrs Kempley had debts of almost £3,000.

He recorded verdicts that Mrs Kempley had killed herself and that the children had been unlawfully killed.

# Inner city policy has failed, professor says

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Levels of unemployment and poverty in inner cities are still "horrendous" in spite of billions spent on renewal, a study shows.

Professor Brian Robson, of Manchester University, told the Institute of British Geographers at Loughborough University, Leicestershire, yesterday that the impact of inner city policy on jobs had been minimal.

His study, funded by the Economic and Social Research Council, focused on London, Birmingham, Glasgow, Bristol and Manchester.

One of the main reasons for the failure of government policy was confusion between different government departments and agencies, he said.

"In some cases, one agency gives money with one hand and a different one takes it back with the other."

He said another failing was the conflict between social and economic goals.

In Newcastle upon Tyne, 60 per cent of funding in 1981 was on social projects. By the middle of the 1980s, social spending had been reduced by half.

His answer is to set up regional development agencies modelled on the Scottish Development Agency, provide high-technology environments as a base for small firms and introduce a system of recruitment whereby priority is given to local applicants.

● A new breed of migrant worker is costing the British taxpayer dear, Dr Allan Findlay, of Glasgow University, told the conference.

Skilled workers, largely from south-east England, are adding to the country's "brain-drain" problem by working abroad temporarily and depositing their earnings in "offshore tax havens".

● Labour is heading for the electoral wilderness, a survey on voting patterns shows. Only a pact with the Alliance or electoral reform could put it back in power.

Professor Ron Johnston, of Sheffield University, told the conferencethat as the number of marginal seats has declined, Labour has been penned in a political ghetto.

# Where to find best beer value

By Robin Young

Britain's cheapest pint of bitter cost 64p in a public house in the North-west, according to a Consumers' Association survey in *Which?* today.

Londoners pay an average 19 per cent more for lager than those in the North-west, 22 per cent more for bitter, 10 per cent more for gin and tonic, and 12½ per cent more for orange juice.

The most expensive bitter cost £1.10 in the South-east. For lager the extremes were £1.20 in London, the South-east, and Yorkshire and Humberside, compared with 70p in the North-west.

The average lounge bar price for bitter in London was 94p, compared with 76p in the West Midlands, researchers found. London lager averaged £1.07 a pint, while in Wales the average price was 87p, and even orange juice, 45p in London, cost an average of only 37p in the North.

Spirits in Scotland are cheapest, with whisky at 51p and gin and tonic at 68p. The measure is one-fifth of a gill in place of the English sixth.

● The Consumers' Association reports that the Audi 100, Mercedes 190, Nissan Micra and Sunny, and the Toyota Corolla and Carina are half as likely to breakdown in the first 8,000 miles of driving as average models.

A *Which?* survey today says the Austin Metro and Montego, the Ford Escort and the Fiat Uno are among the least reliable models.

Car manufacturers consider the report is based on too small a sample and out-of-date information. It uses data published last June.

Murdered spinsters

# Shop where time stood still

By Craig Seton

Senior police officers yesterday explained why they offered a £10,000 reward for information leading to the conviction of the killer of two elderly spinsters at their corner shop in Birmingham.

Det Supt Michael Foster, of West Midlands police, who is leading the investigation into the murders of Miss Alice Rowley, aged 87 and her stepsister Edna, aged 77, said it was felt that as small sums were regularly paid for inforamtion about petty crime a double murder warranted a large reward.

On December 23 Alice was strangled in the living room and Edna was smothered upstairs. "If the shop had been a corner post office, the Post Office would have put up a reward", Mr Foster said.

The sisters had run the traditional grocery, Greswolde Stores, in Greswolde Road in the inner-city area of Sparkhill for 50 years. Police officers have been struck by the way they operated the business as if nothing had changed since they moved there before the Second World War.

Det Chief Insp Barry McKay said: "These two old ladies were pillars of society since the last war and were carrying on a fundamental part of British society, the typical corner shop. You could take that shop and put it into a 1940s film set. There was not a lot of stock and it had an old-fashioned cash till with a wooden drawer."

The sisters were so trusting that when the shop bell rang, it could have been a minute before they came out of a back room to serve the customer. The sisters had placed two easy chairs behind the counter and customers might find them there reading a book.

In their back yard was a white Morris 1000 saloon which they bought 20 years ago. Every time they brought it home after a drive, they would make sure a cover was put over it.

Police believe that a burglary that went wrong may have been the motive for the deaths of the sisters. There was no break-in and the sisters are not thought to have had money hidden. The killer, after murdering the sisters, stole two boxes of chocolates, a radio and a battered suitcase. After strangling Alice with a ligature, he went through her pockets.

Outside the shop yesterday a bunch of flowers was placed against the peeling door and a note asked for information about the sisters' missing cat.

Mr Derek Evans, aged 53, the next door neighbour since the war, said: "The shop was very old fashioned and so were they. They were living in the past really. They never altered their ways and I think that made them vulnerable.

"But they seemed very happy. They did not seem to mind that the area had changed. The only trouble they had was from children stealing sweets. Edna used to keep a stick to chase them away."

Det Supt Foster said police were still looking for a breakthrough in the murder hunt. "This was not the worst murder I had seen, but if a reward provides an answer to one of the most awful crimes we have had in the West Midlands, the people of Birmingham will be only too thankful."

# JP's 'slap her' comment attacked

By Michael Horsnell

A magistrate was criticized yesterday for telling a man convicted of assault: "We don't expect a boyfriend to punch his girlfriend. Slap her once or twice but don't punch her."

Social services chiefs and women's group leaders immediately questioned his judgement in the case in which a woman was left with a bleeding nose and required hospital treatment. It was the second time in nine months that remarks by Mr Charles Garraway, chairman of the Darlington bench, have provoked controversy.

Last June businessmen protested after he told a man who stole a bar of chocolate: "If you are going to steal at least make it worthwhile".

Yesterday he fined Wayne Davis, aged 21, £50 for hitting Miss Linda Hall, aged 22, in the face outside a nightclub in Darlington, Co Durham.

Davis, a railway technician from Darlington, admitted assaulting the woman.

Womens' Aid, which helps the victims of violence, said: "Even the mildest slap constitutes violence in our opinion." Mr Brian Roycroft, president of the Association of Directors of Social Services, said:"I think it's a stupid remark from a magistrate".

# Authors run gamut of emotions from A to Z

By Gregory Weingarten and Lynda Murdin

Disappointment, joy, surprise, anger and all the other emotions they describe were experienced by more than 14,000 authors throughout Britain yesterday when the post brought news of this year's payments under the Public Lending Right.

When the cheques arrive next month, 57 authors will receive the maximum payment of £5,000 and 123 between £2,500 and £5,000. But 8,624 will only gain between £1 and £99 and 2,375 writers had worse news yesterday: no payment.

There were few surprises in the list of the 100 most borrowed books at a sample 20 libraries between July 1986 and June 1987. Catherine Cookson, the romantic novelist, wrote 26 of the titles and two more under the *nom de plume* of Catherine Marchant, beating Dick Francis by a distance. He wrote 12 on the list while Wilbur Smith came third (10 titles), Danielle Steel fourth (seven) and Jeffrey Archer joint fifth with Jack Higgins (both six).

Barbara Cartland wins maximum payment although none of her books made the top 100.

Mr Archer, who will receive £5,000, took up the cause for those starving in a garret. "The people who receive the most money are the least likely to need it", he said.

"Everybody who gets £5,000 should be automatically cancelled out and the money should go to young writers or first-time authors. For them it could make the difference of being able to write another book or not."

The total provided by Mr Richard Luce, Minister for the Arts, to Public Lending Rights this year is £2.75 million. Next year the scheme, established in 1983, will get £3.5 million. Authors receive 1.12p every time a book is checked out of a public library.

At the other end of the scale from Mr Archer, Kay Dick last year received £61.67 from 6,000 borrowings of her acclaimed novel *The Shelf*.

She said: "It makes me sick, the smallness of the amount. When you think the survey was done from such a small number of libraries and there are thousands of libraries in Britain, it is not a fair representation.

More criticism came from Henry Toch, author of *Income Tax Made Simple*, who receives £234.69p. He said: "The idea is a good one but there is not enough money. Each year there are more people sharing the same cake."

George Macbeth, the poet and novelist (£451.63p from 30 titles), said it was sad that the payouts mirrored the public's book-buying pattern. "I had the feeling that quite a lot of people borrowed serious fiction and poetry because they couldn't afford to buy it, but that doesn't seem to be the case."

Dick Francis, who now lives in Florida and is not eligible for payments, said last night: "It is a very good idea, I am all for it."

For Maureen Lipman, the actress, the £175 achieved by her first book *How Was It For You?* came as a pleasant surprise.

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# Surgeons plead for urgent increase in NHS consultants

**By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent**

Britain urgently needs many more consultant surgeons to cut waiting lists for operations and improve the treatment and safety of patients, the Royal College of Surgeons said yesterday.

Government plans to increase the number of consultants in general surgery in England and Wales from 952 to 1,182 by 1995 were behind schedule because of the financial problems facing regional health authorities, the college said.

The present shortage of consultants had led to undue dependence on junior staff and unjustifiable responsibility for operations being borne by trainees, to the detriment of patient care.

"We are firmly of the opinion that the total numbers of surgical staff must increase, most significantly at consultant level, if an adequate service is to be maintained", a report by a college working party said.

The report, with proposals to give consultants a bigger role in conducting emergency operations, is being sent to the Department of Health and will be used by the college to increase pressure on the Government to provide more resources for the National Health Service.

Mr Ian Todd, the college president, said: "The Government commitment to increase the number of consultants by 2 per cent a year is not taking place.

"Many health authorities that have asked for extra consultants are unable to take them on because of their financial position."

The issue will be discussed next week at a meeting between health ministers and the presidents of the royal medical colleges.

In all branches of surgery, the number of patients needing care had continued to rise, outstripping the capacity of consultants and leading to operations being performed by inadequately trained junior doctors, the college report said.

Many of those operations were carried out unnecessarily quickly and at night, and instead should be performed "under the safer conditions of day-time routine", the report said.

Last month, a confidential inquiry showed that about 1,000 avoidable deaths occur in British hospitals annually because of those and other problems.

Professor John Sharrard, of Sheffield University, said at a news conference in London yesterday that one waiting list had been cut from two years to six weeks by adding another consultant.

"What we are proposing is one of the biggest shake-ups of its kind since the beginning of the NHS.

"On the one hand we have consultants sitting around with nothing to do because wards and theatres have been closed for financial reasons, while on the other we have consultants working huge hours and unable to cope. That cannot be right", he said.

## '20,000 acute beds lost'

**By Richard Ford, Political Correspondent**

Twenty thousand acute hospital beds have closed in England since Mrs Margaret Thatcher took office and the trend is accelerating because of intolerable government financial pressures on health authorities, Mr Robin Cook, shadow health minister, said.

A further 30,000 beds were lost in the area of chronic long term illness because of the emphasis on community care for the mentally ill and mentally handicapped. He was speaking at the launch of a Labour Party "Bedwatch" campaign to monitor the number of hospital beds closed during the year.

Every English health region was affected by the closure of acute hospital beds, Mr Cook said. He claimed that 1988 would be a "make or break" year for the health service and would determine whether it remained a public service treating people equally, or went further towards a two-tier system in which those unable to afford private medicine would be left with a second rate service.

The statistics released by Labour were compiled from tables in the Commons library and show that every health region in England has faced acute bed closures, with the four regions around London hit hardest.

# Setting a record for the china sale dash

Early bargain hunters scramble for prizes at one of Harrods' china counters

**By Robin Young**

**There is only one sale, as Harrods' £500,000 publicity campaign proclaimed, but there is more than one buying strategy. Yesterday customers gave management a tense time by staying away in droves.**

**Even so, Charlton Heston, the actor, who called out the countdown to the opening of doors at 9am, said the store was "more crowded than the chariot race in *Ben Hur*". In fact the customary crowds were notable by their absence, with barely 3,000 outside the store at opening time.**

**The initial rush through the main door quickly petered out.**

**With no competing crowds to delay him, Mr Ian Bach, an accountant from Somerset, had no difficulty in breaking the record between the door and the china department by 11 seconds, completing his run to the Wedgwood stand in 14 seconds.**

**Between 9.05 and 9.15 it was possible to walk through five furniture galleries on the third floor and count 35 sales assistants with no customers to serve. But one bargain that had been snapped up in the first five minutes was a gold-engraved bath, reduced from £1,789 to £179.**

**The china department could be crossed without being banged in the legs by a single dinner service, and in menswear, the racks of suits could be fingered at leisure without suffering rival purchasers' elbows in the ribs.**

**The store's chairman, Mr Mohamed Al-Fayed, was unperturbed and predicted that the day's takings were still likely to exceed £8 million. "Pray for us. We need the money", he added jovially.**

**By 10am the shop was able to report that it had sold £100,000 worth of china and glass, £16,600 worth of ties, £41,600 worth of shirts, 1,000 jackets, 1,000 pairs of trousers, 2,500 ladies' skirts, 1,000 pairs of knickers, 11 pianos and eight children's Rolls Royces.**

Mr Al-Fayed's prayers were being answered (Photograph: Peter Trievnor).

# Dead boy 'had the signs of cot death'

The death of a baby, allegedly killed by his mother, had all the hallmarks of a cot death, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

Professor Bernard Knight said he could not exclude the possibility that a rare disease called Gauchers had contributed to the death of Samuel Feiner, aged 11 months.

Professor Knight, a Home Office pathologist and founder of the British Guild for Sudden Infant Death, said Gouchers disease had swelled Samuel's spleen to five times its normal size.

Professor Knight is appearing for the defence at the trial of Janice Feiner, aged 36, who denies the manslaughter of her son.

He told the court: "The causes of cot death are not known but certain factors are suggested".

He said cot deaths occurred in children who were physically disadvantaged. "They may be premature, twins or have an infection."

Professor Knight's evidence contradicted arguments put forward the previous day by Mr Brian Leary, QC, when he opened the prosecution case. He said Gouchers disease had not contributed to Samuel's death.

Professor Knight conceded he could not rule out the possibility that Mrs Feiner had smothered her son with a pillow, as the prosecution alleges, at their home in Commonwealth Road, Caterham, Surrey. He said there was no way to distinguish between suffocation and a cot death.

But he added: "We have between 1,000 and 1,500 cot deaths each year in this country and in 32 years' experience I have seen only two infant suffocations".

Cot death, still unexplained, was the most common cause of death in babies after their first weeks and up to the age of two or three.

Many mothers suffered self-recrimination afterwards and some committed suicide. "I know from colleagues that confessions are sometimes made which can be shown to be spurious", the professor added.

The prosecution says Mrs Feiner, a former accountant, suffocated Samuel in July 1986 while her husband was away on a business trip.

She allegedly left a suicide note complaining of her husband's lack of love for her and said she had to take Samuel with her, "because he is all I have left".

She was later found asleep in a park near by suffering from what Mr Leary conceded was genuine amnesia about her "lost 36 hours".

The case continues today.

# Man jailed for beating up teacher

A man who brutally beat up a teacher for ticking off his young sister was yesterday jailed for two months.

Delroy Miller, aged 22, burst into Miss Linda Mayer's classroom in Clapton Girls' School, slapped her face and repeatedly kicked and punched her while she was on the ground, Snaresbrook Crown Court was told.

Judge Finney said: "There is far too much tendency these days for relatives of children who have been reprimanded to march up to the school and take it out physically on teachers. It is high time people realized that this will mean immediate imprisonment."

Miller, an arcade manager, of Nye Bevan Estate, Hackney, east London, had denied assault, causing actual bodily harm and damaging property but was found guilty on both charges.

The court had been told that Miller's sister, Lorraine, aged 13, had misbehaved and Miss Mayer had sent her to a room to work alone.

After the assault, which happened the following day, Miss Mayer, aged 35, needed hospital treatment, the court was told.

# Hospital's security 'was poor'

Security at a mental hospital where a social worker was stabbed to death by a patient was inadequate, an inquiry was told yesterday.

Miss Isobel Schwarz, aged 28, was attacked as she entered the social work department at Bexley Hospital, South-east London. Miss Siobhan Goodridge, representing the British Association of Social Workers, said security had often been "low key".

Doors at the hospital which should have been locked were often left unlocked. It was sad that it took the death of Miss Schwartz for extensive improvements in security.

The patient, Miss Sharon Campbell, aged 25, admitted manslaughter through diminished responsibility and was sent to Broadmoor high security hospital after the killing in July 1984.

Mr Michael Douglas, representing the Bexley and Lewisham Health Authority, told the inquiry at Church House, Westminster, central London: "If someone is determined and intent to kill there is a limit to what can be done". Improvements were being made before the killing, although some aspects of security had since been revised.

# Good and bad sides of island's 'flying vet'

Guernsey's "flying vet", Mr Maurice Kirk, was a dedicated professional even though he had a criminal record, a disciplinary hearing was told yesterday.

The Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons has charged that Mr Kirk, aged 42, is unfit to practise because of his criminal convictions.

Yesterday, Mr Michael O'Gorman, a lifeboat man, described how the vet, who used an inflatable dinghy to travel between the Channel Islands when weather conditions prevented him from flying in his vintage aircraft, had risked his life to operate on a dog.

"I was at Braye Harbour, Alderney, when I saw what looked like the remains of an inflatable boat. A strong force seven gale had been blowing and the sea was rough", Mr O'Gorman said in a letter to the inquiry. He was told the vet had sailed from Guernsey, a 25-mile trip, to operate on a dog.

Later, Mr Kenneth Tuff, Registrar of Courts in Guernsey, told how Mr Kirk grappled with policemen and a deputy sheriff on the floor of a court after they tried to restrain him from making a citizen's arrest of the magistrate who was trying him on a motoring offence.

In another court case, Mr Kirk had abused Mr Vic Carey, Attorney-General of Guernsey, Mr Tuff said.

"A struggle ensued in which the policeman's helmet was dislodged and Mr Kirk lost his footwear."

The hearing is expected to last another two days.

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WORLD ROUNDUP

## Cold hits fight to counter oil slick

**New York** – Emergency workers fought in the bitter cold yesterday to disperse a 70-mile stream of oil and frozen mud that has cut water from thousands *of homes in Pennsylvania* and threatens the supplies of hundreds of thousands of people all the way down the Ohio River as far as the Mississippi (Charles Bremner writes).

The slick of diesel fuel, which has caused America's worst case of inland pollution, has forced water authorities in Pittsburgh to ration supplies and close schools. In the worst-*affected suburbs*, thousands of people queued at water tanks and readied themselves for what could be weeks without running water. About 15,000 people in the Pittsburgh area were completely without water yesterday. The crisis began when 3.5 million gallons of diesel oil gushed from a ruptured storage tank 27 miles upstream from Pittsburgh, on the Monongahela river. The clean-up and the effort to arrange *alternative supplies downstream* on the river system have been hampered by a wave of Arctic air, dubbed the Siberian Express, which settled on the eastern states earlier this week.

## Peres evidence

**Jerusalem (AP)** – Mr Shimon Peres, the Israeli Foreign Minister, testified yesterday at the secret trial of Mordechai Vanunu, the former nuclear technician, that security was damaged when the defendant revealed Israel's nuclear secrets, a defence lawyer said.

Mr Avigdor Feldman, Mr Vanunu's lawyer, said that the evidence was curtailed by an order from the Prime Minister, Mr Yitzhak Shamir, barring Mr Peres from answering certain questions. Mr Feldman said he was preparing an appeal to the Supreme Court to overturn the Prime Minister's order.

Mr Vanunu, aged 33, is charged with treason and espionage for telling *The Sunday Times* that Israel possessed nuclear weapons.

## Reagan intervenes

**Washington** – President Reagan has intervened in the case of the nine-year-old son of a Zimbabwean diplomat who was allegedly tied up and whipped by his father, who was ordered out of the US last week (Christopher Thomas writes).

Mr Reagan brought up the child's plight with Lieutenant-General Colin Powell, his National Security Adviser, earlier this week. According to an Administration official quoted yesterday, the President asked: "Can't we do something for this boy? Find out for me, would you?"

National Security Council staff have now been ordered to examine the legal possibilities of allowing the child, Terrence Karamba, to remain in the United States.

## Coup leader takes all

**Johannesburg (Reuter)** – General Bantu Holomisa, the leader of an army coup in Transkei, has appointed himself its military and government chief. His announcement, issued in the Transkei capital of Umtata yesterday, came *amid mounting South African concern over the huge cost of* maintaining the homelands. The general, aged 32, named himself chairman of the Military Council and Council of Ministers and banned political meetings in the poverty-stricken territory. In a surprise move, he reappointed eight ministers from the ousted regime of Miss Stella Sigcau.

## Bishop a free man

A Chinese court has lifted parole restrictions on Bishop Gong Pinmei, who was imprisoned for 30 years, making him a free man at the age of 87 (Our Correspondent writes). The bishop, also known as Ignatius Kung, thanked the Shanghai Higher People's Court and said he would devote himself to China's modernization.

Bishop Gong was appointed to the Shanghai diocese in 1950. He was arrested in 1955 and sentenced to life imprisonment for "leading a counter-revolutionary clique".

## Kennedy press law

**Lexington (AP)** – Senator Edward Kennedy said that *he had acted quietly to* introduce a law that could force Mr Rupert Murdoch to choose between newspapers and television stations as the chief executive of The News Corporation otherwise could have blocked the move.

The provision that Senator Kennedy pushed into law prevents the Federal Communications Commission from granting or extending exemptions to a rule that forbids ownership of both a daily newspaper and a television station in the same city.

## Drug barons sought

**Bogotá** – Warrants for the arrest of Colombia's top cocaine barons have been issued by the Government amid mounting United States pressure on President Barco to step up efforts to curb trafficking from a country that is the nerve-centre of the international cocaine trade (Geoffrey Matthews writes). The warrants name the top five members of the Medellín cartel, the drug group based in Colombia's second-biggest city, including Jorge Luis Ochoa Vásquez, whose release from a Bogotá jail last week infuriated Washington and led to reprisals against Colombian exports to the US.

### Court battle over film

## Fellini tries to bar 'vulgar' subtitles

**From Philip Jacobson, Paris**

Federico Fellini, the legendary Italian film director, will today begin proceedings in a Paris court to prevent a "degraded" version of his latest masterpiece being shown in France.

In the maestro's view, the translation used for *Intervista*, which has been playing to packed houses in this film-worshipping city for the past fortnight, makes a mockery of the craft that won his film loud acclaim and a top award at the last Cannes festival.

**Federico Fellini: Seeks fine on distribution company.**

In seeking to halt this artistic vandalism, Signor Fellini will ask the woman judge hearing the case for the subtitled and dubbed versions of *Intervista* to be removed from French screens.

He also wants the court to impose a fine of 100,000 francs a day (roughly £10,000) on the offending distributors, a company called AMLF. Never one to mince words, the veteran director dismisses them as "merchants who gave the editing of titles and subtitles to people who know neither Italian nor French".

What particularly irks Signor Fellini is that the Cannes edition of *Intervista*, a characteristically mordant reflection on the industry to which he has devoted his life, is widely considered to have been quite beautifully translated.

It is unclear why that version, the work of the French writer Jacqueline Risset, has been dropped for something the director maintains is "heavy, vulgarized, full of winks that have nothing to do with my film".

As Mme Risset sees it, the other subtitles fail utterly to catch the subtleties and nuances of *Intervista*. When the French version is not being unnecessarily coarse, she says, it contrives to misinterpret Signor Fellini's intentions.

Unsurprisingly, the distributors are keeping their heads down, beyond pointing out that they had used a respected French subtitle specialist on the film. Presumably he spoke excellent Italian, but as the director's lawyer in Paris asks, is that enough to handle a Fellini epic ? "Just as Pirandello wrote in Sicilian, Fellini writes in Roman. Few people see the problem of the Italian language from this angle."

It should be said that none of this really bothers French film fanatics. Like Hitchcock, Rohmer and Godard, Fellini is worshipped, his work minutely analysed by critics.

On the other hand, as *Paris-Match* observes this week, *Intervista* consists essentially of Fellini interviewing himself under his own direction. "A perfect circle of ego ... But there's only one Fellini."

### Thatcher's African tour marked by contrasts

# Sanctions storm brewing in Lagos

**From Robin Oakley**
**Nairobi**

Mrs Margaret Thatcher's visit to Lagos beginning today *is threatening* to be as scratchy as her Kenyan visit has been successful. Sharp exchanges are expected between her and President Babangida over South Africa sanctions.

Quibbles have continued between the two sides almost until the last minute on such matters as what time Mrs Thatcher should arrive in the Nigerian capital, and whether she should use the RAF DC10 or a Nigerian aircraft to fly north to Kano tomorrow. There was even doubt earlier this week concerning where the Prime Minister would stay in Lagos.

There are some worries too about her security. Poor communications between Lagos and Nairobi and bureaucratic obstructionism have led to a situation in which the Prime Minister's party will not even know what cars to get into on arrival in Lagos.

The Prime Minister's travelling party has been unable to contact the security officer sent to Lagos in advance last weekend.

The Nigerians were irritated that they were not asked to invite Mrs Thatcher as early as were her Kenyan hosts, and are also said to take it as an affront that she will spend only one night in the most populous country in Africa compared to the three nights she spent in Kenya.

*In the past week*, and with demonstrations threatened against Mrs Thatcher's visit, they have reacted by attempting to shorten her stay to little more than a stop-over, while the British Government has insisted on adherence to the original *programme which may now even be* briefly extended in Kano.

There is continued resentment in Nigeria at Britain's introduction of visas for Nigerian visitors, despite the fact that Nigerian businessmen on regular visits are given multiple entry visas. Nigeria insists on a new application every time for Britons travelling to Lagos.

There is anger too at Britain's claimed lack of sympathy for Nigeria's debt problems and at what the Nigerians say are fraudulent claims for trade debts by British companies.

But the crucial issue will be that of South African sanctions. Feeling is far stronger in Nigeria than in Kenya on this issue, and after the forceful words used by President Moi of Kenya on the need for an intensified programme of economic sanctions it *is expected that* General Babangida will feel the need to take a stronger line still, while, like Mr Moi, agreeing to differ from Mrs Thatcher.

Travelling with President Moi yesterday, before leaving for Lagos, *"Big Mamma" Thatcher gave* another literal example of the expression *après moi le déluge*. The British prime ministerial rain-maker, who had delighted the Masai the day before by bringing showers with her to the Rift Valley, yesterday flew with her entourage to the Western Province in a convoy of Kenyan Air Force Buffalo aircraft. When she visited an aid-supported women's poultry project in Chickenembero it really pelted, but not until Mrs Thatcher had inspected what must have been the cleanest chicken shed in Africa.

The poultry project was physically *removed from its* mud-hutted village and installed, newly varnished and netted, at a convenient spot for the Thatcher motorcade to halt.

Mrs Thatcher had begun her visit to the Western Province at the farm of Mr Japheph Wambani Repando, a one-time subsistence farmer who now provides a living for his two surviving wives and 23 children, as one of 34,000 "outgrowers" supplying sugar cane to the Mumias Sugar Scheme, one of Kenya's principal agro-industrial ventures.

With 400,000 people dependent in some way for their livliehood on the Mumias company, to which the British Government has given £9.7 million since 1970, it was felt that a careful spender like Mrs Thatcher would like to see how well some of that aid money is being used.

On the Wambani estate, Mrs Thatcher and her husband, Denis, wielded *pangas* themselves. Beneath the throng of cameramen, it was alleged, she cut five canes, he three, before she emerged remarking: "We Thatchers are a dangerous family."

Suggestions that the energy behind her slashing represented practise for her next encounter with Mr David Mellor, the Foreign Office Minister who has had the temerity to seize the front-page headlines during her African odyssey, were officially discounted.

*As she* was ferried about in the grand Kenyan presidential limousine, it was a day of photo-opportunity politics.

Mrs Thatcher may have won her election, but Mr Moi has another in prospect and she has certainly been doing her bit for him, describing how he has left his footprints in history and drinking a toast to his continued leadership. With every second street and school seemingly named after him, Mr Moi needs little help.

Before she arrived, it was being said in diplomatic circles that sending Mrs Thatcher to Africa was a bit like depositing a polar bear in a tropical jungle. Neither would know quite what to expect of the other. But the result, in Kenya, was a success.

# America's UN vote brings low point in links with Israel

**Michael Binyon, Washington**

The US vote against Israel in the United Nations Security Council, the first for six years, marks an embarrassing downturn in Washington's relations *with its key Middle East ally*.

The American move brings into the open the mounting frustration within the Reagan Administration at its inability to influence the Government in Jerusalem or make progress *on a regional peace settlement*.

The vote on Tuesday provoked an immediate outcry here from the powerful pro-Israel lobby. Congressmen have criticized the Administration, accused it of playing into the hands of the Palestine Liberation Organization. A delegation of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry yesterday held a meeting with Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, at which it voiced concern at American policies.

Washington is trying to tread delicately between outspoken criticism of Israel, which would further damage strained relations, and silence about the Palestinian demonstrations, which would be interpreted by the Arab world as condoning deportations and the use of live ammunition.

*As a result*, the Reagan Administration has appeared ambivalent in its statements, mixing sometimes sharp criticism of Israel with attempts to be even-handed by appealing for restraint on both sides.

On Monday the State Department suggested that Israel had moderated its tactics in the light of US concern, and officials said that "to keep yelling at them would be counter-productive". But the next day the White House was at pains to dispel any impression of a softer approach.

The crisis is especially difficult for the Reagan Administration because of strong domestic pressures. Officials here recognize that, with the *President in his* last year of office and increasingly taken up with superpower arms control treaties, progress towards *a Middle East* settlement is likely to stall.

**Following is the text of the Security Council resolution:**

**The Security Council, recalling its Resolution 605 (1987) of December 22, 1987, expressing grave concern over the situation in the occupied Palestinian territories, having been apprised of the decision of Israel, the occupying power, to "continue the deportation" of Palestinian civilians in the occupied territories, recalling the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, of August 12, 1949, and in particular Articles 47 and 49 of same:**

**1. Reaffirms once again that the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, of August 12, 1949, is applicable to Palestinian and other Arab territories, occupied by Israel since 1967, including Jerusalem;**

**2. Calls upon Israel to refrain from deporting any Palestinian civilians from the occupied territories;**

**3. *Strongly requests Israel*, the occupying power, to abide by its obligations arising from the Convention;**

**4. Decides to keep the situation in the Palestinian and other Arab territories occupied by Israel since 1967, including Jerusalem, under review.**

The US has been unable to persuade the divided Israeli Government to go ahead with an international peace conference, and Mr Shultz is unwilling to risk his reput*ation or antagonize pro-Israel* groups by putting pressure on Jerusalem.

And during an election year, few congressmen and almost no presidential candidates dare risk alienating Jewish American voters, who wield considerable political power as well as being important campaign contributors. Israel's security has become so much a factor of American domestic politics that public criticism is rare.

The Arab-Israeli conflict is by far the most emotional foreign issue in the US, reflected by the blanket press coverage.

The television networks have made considerable efforts to appear even-handed, but the deaths of Palestinians from Israeli bombing raids on refugee camps or in the recent unrest received only limited coverage and evinced little public concern.

Pro-Israel groups insist that the dramatic pictures of unrest on the West Bank and in the Gaza Strip give a distorted view of the situation.

Nevertheless, American relations with Israel have been strained recently, not least after the discovery of an Israeli spy ring in the US.

The American vote in the UN is of only symbolic importance, and does not signal any weakening of Washington's commitment to Israel. But the US felt obliged to register a protest when relations with moderate Arab states, *especially in the Gulf*, are of increasing importance in the confrontation with Iran.

**A Palestinian girl carrying a picture of Mr Yassir Arafat, the PLO leader, at a protest in the West Bank yesterday.**

## Hamadei trial threat to German hostage

**From John England**
**Bonn**

*A man* charged with kidnapping two West Germans in Beirut for a pro-Iranian Islamic group was not a fanatical Muslim and had allowed his daughter to be baptised a Roman Catholic, his ex-wife told a court in Düsseldorf yesterday.

Mr Abbas Ali Hamadei was also "politically disinterested" and felt himself to be a German, Frau Maria Hamadei said on the second day of *his trial*.

Proceedings were adjourned until January 12 and the couple, who were divorced in October, spent 10 minutes together.

Security was meanwhile tightened at West German airports and border crossings. This followed a warning to Bonn by the captors of Dr Rudolf Cordes, aged 53, one of the hostages allegedly seized by Mr Hamadei, that his fate was linked with the trial. The other hostage, Herr Alfred Schmidt, was released last September.

The kidnappers also accused the West German Government of "mistreating" Mr Hamadei's brother, Muhammad Ali, aged 23, who was arrested at Frankfurt airport a year ago and is in a Frankfurt jail awaiting trial on charges of hijacking a TWA airliner *in 1985* and murdering an American passenger.

Mr Hamadei, aged 29, who is also charged with attempting to coerce the Government into releasing his brother, yesterday renewed an appeal to the kidnappers to free Dr Cordes.

His defence lawyer, Herr Eckart Hild, told the court that Mr Hamadei was regarded by the Beirut group as a *traitor and there had* been threats to "put him against the wall and shoot him".

# Palestinian lawyers denounce 'electric shock torture'

**From Ian Murray**
**Jerusalem**

Israel has jailed one in every 170 male Palestinians between the ages of 15 and 30 in the West Bank during the past month, according to figures produced in Jerusalem yesterday by Al-Haq, the local affiliate of the International Commission of Jurists in Geneva.

At a news conference, Palestinian lawyers working for the organization alleged that electric shock torture had been introduced as a method of interrogation since the outbreak of disturbances last month, and that the condition of prisoners in new detention camps was deliberately degrading as a form of collective punishment.

According to Mr Raja Shehadah, the present policy appeared to be one of a general punishment for the population with a complete lack of concern for the legality of what was being done.

*Mr Mansour Qupty* said he represented the son and nephew of a deposed Mayor of Hebron and they had both described to him the way in which they had been subjected to electric shock torture to obtain confessions that they had taken part in stone-throwing demonstrations.

One of them, Usama Kawatme, told him that he had been tied up and thrown on the floor and water poured on his left leg. A clip had been placed between his first and second toes and that was connected to a battery. Each time he refused to confess the level of electricity was allegedly increased until after five minutes he was put outside in the cold night to wait.

His cousin, Maawiya, also complained that he had been tied up and thrown on the floor and that a wire had been attached to his left foot after water was poured on to it. He said he had been tortured in this way for half an hour before confessing to taking part in a demonstration but on a day on which he knew nothing had happened. The other boy said he was then brought in and shown the state his cousin was in and he, too, then confessed.

Miss Muna Rishmawi described what she had been told about conditions in the new detention centre of Dahariya, which has been set up since the start of the disturbances to house the new influx of prisoners. One prisoner there told her that 150 people shared a room 100 square metres in area. The only lavatory was a rubbish tin emptied twice a day, which overflowed on to matresses and into the drinking water.

She added that the prisoners were forced to stand with their heads bowed, and if they raised them they were beaten. The guards all had to be addressed as "captain". "In Dahariya everybody is a captain."

Mr Jonathan Kuttab attacked the basis of the Israeli claim that it issued deportation orders only in compliance with the British Defence (Emergency) Regulations of 1945. They had been rescinded by Britain on May 14, 1948, he said, before the end of the mandate period, although Israel did not recognize that fact. The regulations had in any case been superseded by the Geneva Conventions, he added.

### Murder in Central Park

# X-rated trial grips New York

**From Charles Bremner, New York**

**For the third time in less than a year, New York is fascinated by a sensational murder trial that is being depicted as a parable of our age. But this time, the interest seems to be more in the X-rated details than in any larger issues.**

**Though the lawyers have so far only delivered opening statements, the sex-laden trial of Robert Chambers, dubbed the "preppie murder", is receiving the type of attention recently devoted to the long-running courtroom dramas of Bernhard Goetz and the Howard Beach mob.**

**Mr Goetz was acquitted last summer of attempting to murder three unarmed black youths whom he shot in what he claimed was self-defence on the subway. At Howard Beach, three white boys were acquitted last month of murder but found guilty of manslaughter *in another trial* where the victims were black.**

**In the Chambers trial, there is no explosive social element such as racism. Its universal appeal is the no-holds barred glimpse of the squalid ways of some of the teenage offspring of Manhattan's *nouveaux riches*.**

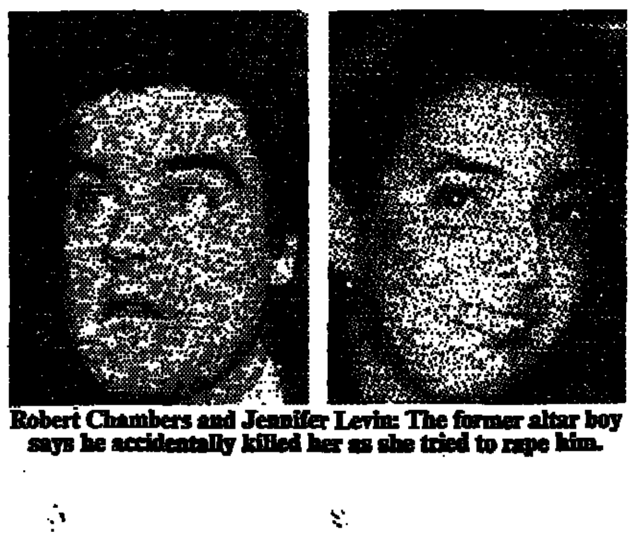
**Steaming with sex, violence and death on a summer night in Central Park, the case could have come straight from the pages of *Less Than Zero* or *Bright Lights Big City*, two best-selling novels turned into films that document the ennui of a new lost generation of well-off, big city youth.**

**Mr Chambers, the 21-year-old defendant, is a former altar boy who attended some of New York's most exclusive private preparatory schools and socialized with the children of the rich in the late-night clubs of Manhattan. He had previously admitted to burglary and had a history of cocaine addiction.**

**What everyone in New York knows is that Mr Chambers, a handsome, square-jawed model of his class, is claiming that he was raped by a woman. He says he accidentally killed Jennifer Levin after she crushed his testicles during an aggressive bout of sex in Central Park on August 26, 1986. In an account given to police, Mr Chambers claimed she had tied his hands behind his back with her panties and that he broke free to prevent her inflicting pain.**

**The prosecutor, Miss Linda Fairstein, said sex had nothing to do with the death of Miss Levin, who was depicted as a bright 18-year-old preparing to start college. "We say there was no sex that morning – only violence, only death."**

**Mr Jack Litman, Mr Chambers's lawyer, calls the killing a "tragic accident" and he intends to bring evidence on Miss Levin's background to convince the jury she was a sexual aggressor though only 18 at the time of her death. Womens' groups are enraged by these tactics, which have already brought Mr Litman success in a similar case.**



**Robert Chambers and Jennifer Levin: The former altar boy says he accidentally killed her as she tried to rape him.**

# Howe to discuss trade in Japan

**By Nicholas Beeston**

*The Foreign Secretary*, Sir Geoffrey Howe, leaves for Japan tomorrow on his third and "most important" visit to the country, which is expected to be dominated by ministerial discussions on trade and East-West relations.

Speaking to Japanese journalists in London last night, Sir Geoffrey said: "I see the discussions as an opportunity to open a new chapter in relations between Britain and Japan."

In spite of acrimonious exchanges early last year over Britain's trade imbalance with Japan, Sir Geoffrey said that British exports had increased in value terms by about 30 per cent between January and November 1987. He also noted that four British firms had been admitted on the Tokyo Stock Exchange and welcomed the decision to allow Cable and Wireless to compete for a telecommunications contract.

Sir Geoffrey will also bring up the question of future *Japanese investment in Britain* when he meets the Prime Minister, Mr Noboru Takeshita, and three cabinet ministers. Britain accounts for one third of Japanese investments in the EEC.

The two sides are expected to discuss the recent superpower arms treaty to eliminate land-based, intermediate-range nuclear missiles.

One of the most long-standing and contentious issues in British-Japanese relations is the claim by London that discriminatory taxes are placed on imported Scottish and Irish whiskies.

Foreign Office sources said that Britain would be hoping to use the five-day visit as a means of increasing its standing in Japan where "the Japanese feel relations are not as good as they could be". In particular, the sources said that Britain was eager to begin annual bilateral visits at ministerial level.

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### Setback for Cyprus peace hopes

# Denktas libel victory may crush opposition 'doves'

**By Alexander Johnson**

The verdict in an extraordinary libel case brought by the leader of Turkish-ruled northern Cyprus threatens to bankrupt his main political opponent, and has made more remote the prospects for a long-term settlement in the divided island.

Mr Rauf Denktas, President of the self-proclaimed Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, which is recognized only by Turkey, was awarded such high damages last week in a libel case against Mr Ozker Ozgur, that Mr Ozgur's Republican Turkish Party will be unable to continue its operations.

Mr Ozgur told *The Times* yesterday that he cannot pay the £100,000 damages, and that his party's presses and premises would have to be auctioned. He said that the verdict, of a panel of judges closely allied to Mr Denktas, including a former Minister of the Interior in Turkish Cyprus, was unjust and represented an attempt to silence the opposition.

In the last election at the end of 1986, Mr Ozgur had 23 per cent of the vote while Mr Denktas had 36 per cent.

The suit was brought as a result of an article written by Mr Ozgur in December 1985, in which he criticized Mr Denktas's demand that the Turkish Cypriot media halt its coverage of a drugs trial in mainland Turkey, in which his son was the principal defendant.

Lord Bethell, Chairman of Friends of Cyprus, said that the article was not defamatory, and that it was "thoroughly anti-democratic for a head of government to sue the leader of the opposition. Mr Ozgur has no chance of paying the fine."

Now that Mr Ozgur has been convicted of libel, it seems certain that his parliamentary immunity will be lifted in order to bring charges of sedition against him and four other leading members of the Republican Turkish Party. If convicted of these charges, they face seven-year prison sentences and a permanent ban on political activity.

If the Republican Turkish Party was to disappear from the political landscape it could have repercussions in the scheduled February elections in the southern Greek part of the island.

Opposition leaders, who together command 60 per cent of the vote in the Greek Republic of Cyprus, have in common with Mr Ozgur a desire for a central government with some degree of autonomy for both Greek and Turkish sectors.

While Mr Denktas pays lip-service to this idea, he cannot afford to put it into practice because he relies so heavily on the support of immigrants from Turkey.

Now that it seems the Greek opposition has lost Mr Ozgur as a potential ally in the north, the case for advocating negotiation with the Turks has been greatly weakened in the run-up to the election.

# Arab bishop for Jerusalem

The first Arab to be appointed Latin Rite Patriarch of Jerusalem being ordained bishop yesterday by the Pope at St Peter's in Rome. Mgr Michel Sabbah, aged 55, who was born in Nazareth, was among 10 bishops from various countries ordained during a Mass attended by a packed congregation (A Correspondent writes). The appointment of an Arab to lead Roman Catholics in the Jerusalem diocese, which covers, according to the Vatican directory, Palestine, Jordan and Cyprus, is seen as important and several Arab diplomats were present at the ceremony. The Palestine Liberation Organization's representative in Italy and the Chargé d'Affaires for Vatican relations from Israel's Rome embassy also attended. Mgr Sabbah said his post would be a very delicate one.

# Japan considers breeding own whales

**From David Watts, Tokyo**

Japan, under international pressure to curb its commercial whaling activities, is thinking about farming the creatures.

The country's oldest whaling town, Taiji, is looking at the possibility of breeding them in two bays near the town. This has never been done before.

But the people of Taiji, in Wakayama prefecture, are so worried about the loss of jobs and Japan's reputation abroad that they are intending to hold an international seminar on the subject.

Late last year Japan sent a whaling ship to the Antarctic to carry out "scientific whaling" in the face of world opposition. Britain led the call for a survey of member countries of the International Whaling Commission to discover their opinions on the mission, which the commission considered a thinly veiled attempt to get round the international moratorium on whaling.

The latest Japanese whaling trip will involve the taking of 300 minke whales, allegedly to study levels of mortality, birth rates and age distribution.

Taiji's residents have their eye on two bays where it is thought whales could be kept behind "walls" of sound waves, fed like cattle while breeding through artificial insemination. Since whales ovulate only once every two years and achieve a fertility rate of less than 1 per cent, it is hoped some form of drug to stimulate ovulation can be used.

Although it is known that a single whale needs about three square miles to get enough plankton, the quantities and types of food required are not known.

The country's Fisheries Agency thinks the idea is worth studying.

Japan's whaling industry now employs fewer than 1,000 people, with over 100 factories for processing whale products employing another 3,600.

## Pledge of loyalty by Filipino coup chief

**Manila (Reuter)** – Rolando Abadilla, a former colonel jailed for his role in coup plots, has pledged his loyalty to the Philippines Government of President Aquino.

Abadilla, standing for vice-governor in Ilocos Norte province for the party of the former President, Mr Ferdinand Marcos, was let out of his cell in Fort Bonifacio for a press conference yesterday after lawyers said that he should be allowed to campaign.

## Nuclear plant

**Peking (AP)** – China's nuclear power authorities issued a construction permit for a nuclear plant that has drawn sharp opposition because of its proximity to Hong Kong and doubts about safety.

## Two executed

**Bonn (AFP)** – A Soviet army lieutenant and sergeant stationed in East Germany were sentenced to death by court-martial and shot for killing four East Germans in a road crash while drunk.

## Cultist charge

**Charleston (AP)** – Lynette "Squeaky" Fromme, a member of the Charles Manson cult serving a life sentence for trying to kill President Ford in 1975, is to be charged for escaping from a West Virginia prison at Christmas.

## Oldest priest

**San Tirso, Spain (Reuter)** – Father Alvaro Fernández, aged 107 and believed to be the world's oldest serving priest, died in northern Spain.

# Michael Binyon on the likely ups and downs of the US presidential race

### How the system works

# Spiralling costs add to the stresses in year of uncertainty

**Washington** – The American presidential election is the most complicated, expensive and exhausting democratic process in the Western world. But the 1988 contest is already creating new records, spending more money than ever, starting earlier, and subjecting candidates to unprecedented demands and scrutiny.

Yet as the pace quickens in the final 11 months, the outcome is more uncertain than it has been for a long time. There is a real possibility that, for the first time since 1952, neither party will be able to nominate its candidate on the first ballot, and that the summer will see a return to the contentious, old-fashioned, brokered conventions.

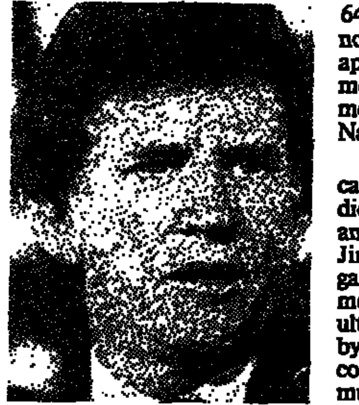
Traditionally, the first stage of the campaign begins in earnest with the tiny New Hampshire primary in February and ends with the huge primary in California four months later. This is the period in which activists in both parties can influence, through the election of delegates pledged to particular candidates, the outcome of the nominating conventions.

Not all states hold primaries. A minority have caucuses – a complicated and multi-layered selection of local delegates, who in turn select the delegates to attend the convention.

Rules and dates and eligibility for primary elections or caucuses are determined by individual states and differ widely. To be on the ballot, candidates have to file officially in different states at different times, often supporting their claims with a minimum number of signatures. That is why local organization is so important and why it is generally too late for many people, including Mr Gary Hart, to get on many states' ballots.

In some primary states, such as Florida, only registered members of each party can vote, and only in their own party primary. In others, such as Massachusetts and New Hampshire, the primaries are open to independents but not to members of the other party. Voters in states such as Wisconsin can choose whether to participate in the Democratic or Republican primary when they arrive at the booth.

The caucus system is less formal: whoever is interested can turn up at the hundreds of local meetings throughout the state. The system is complicated and somewhat chaotic and is gradually being replaced by primary votes, which this year will account for 80 per cent of the Democratic delegates (compared with 64 per cent in 1984) and 68 per cent of the Republicans (68 per cent in 1984).



Mr Hart: Re-entry came too late for many state ballots.

The simplest system is the Californian Republican primary, where the winner takes all – thus winning a sizeable 15 per cent of the total number of delegates at the Republican convention.

But in 36 states delegates getting a minimum of 15 per cent of the tally are allocated in proportion to the votes cast. Many Democrats also give the winner a bonus of an extra delegate per district. In many caucus states, Republicans have no formal rule for allocating delegates – a reflection of the national party's relatively *laissez-faire* approach to its state affiliates.

How many delegates each state produces is not a simple question of population. Democrats have more – 4,160 – than the Republicans, with 2,277.

And each party has a complicated formula that allocates a state its share of delegates according to how strong and active the local party is. In the old days, delegates were not already pledged to anyone, and among Democrats there are still some 15 per cent – 643 – unpledged delegates, not elected by states but appointed *ex officio* (congressmen, state governors and members of the Democratic National Committee).

Ever since Iowa opened its caucus in 1972 to any candidate who wanted to come, and especially since Mr Jimmy Carter's brilliantly organized win, creating the momentum that swept him on to ultimate victory, this caucus – by state law, the first in the country – has assumed as much, if not more, importance and national attention as New Hampshire.

That is why the 1988 candidates have already spent three times as much money in Iowa, whose caucus falls on February 8, as in New Hampshire, whose primary occurs a week later.

Both states are small enough to allow real campaigning – going into schools and factories, shaking hands and meeting people for the ever-important photo opportunities. This is impossible in the larger states, such as New York and Illinois, where candidates have to rely on television to put across their message.

This year, however, the Southern states, previously largely ignored, have combined together in an effort to claim a greater share of candidates' attention, and give more voice to the conservative views, in both parties, of Southern voters.

Fourteen states – including some border and other states – will hold their primaries on the same day, March 8, dubbed "Super Tuesday". As a result, the primary campaign is increasingly "front-loaded" – so that, by March 9, the Republicans will have elected just over half of their delegates

### PRIMARIES AND CAUCUSES

| Date | State | Delegates at stake Dem* | Delegates at stake Rep | Cumulative % of all delegates Dem* | Cumulative % of all delegates Rep |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jan 27 | Hawaii (C) | - | 20 | - | 1.0 |
| 29-30 | Michigan (†) | - | 77 | - | 4.3 |
| Feb 1-7 | Kansas (C) | - | 34 | - | 5.7 |
| 8 | Iowa (C) | 52 | 37 | 1.2 | 7.4 |
| 9-24 | Wyoming (C) | - | 18 | - | 8.2 |
| 16 | New Hampshire (P) | 18 | 23 | 1.7 | 9.2 |
| 18 | Nevada (C) | - | 20 | - | 10.0 |
| 23 | Minnesota (C) | 78 | 31 | 3.6 | 11.4 |
| 23 | South Dakota (P) | 15 | 18 | 3.9 | 12.2 |
| 26-28 | Maine (C) | - | 22 | - | 13.2 |
| Feb 27-Mar 1 | Alaska (C) | - | 19 | - | 14.0 |
| Feb 28 | Maine (C) | 23 | - | 4.5 | - |
| Mar 1 | Vermont (P) | - | # | - | - |
| Mar 1-May 15 | Virginia (C) | - | 50 | - | 16.2 |
| Mar 5 | South Carolina (P) | - | 37 | - | 17.8 |
| 5 | Wyoming (C) | 13 | - | 4.8 | - |
| Super Tuesday (Mar 8) | Alabama (P) | 56 | 38 | - | - |
| | American Samoa (C) | 3 | - | - | - |
| | Arkansas (P) | 38 | 27 | - | - |
| | Florida (P) | 136 | 82 | - | - |
| | Georgia (P) | 77 | 48 | - | - |
| | Hawaii (C) | 20 | - | - | - |
| | Idaho (C) | 18 | - | - | - |
| | Kentucky (P) | 55 | 38 | - | - |
| | Louisiana (P) | 63 | 41 | - | - |
| | Maryland (P) | 67 | 41 | - | - |
| | Massachusetts (P) | 98 | 52 | - | - |
| | Mississippi (P) | 40 | 31 | - | - |
| | Missouri (P) | 77 | 47 | - | - |
| | Nevada (C) | 16 | - | - | - |
| | North Carolina (P) | 82 | 54 | - | - |
| | Oklahoma (P) | 46 | 36 | - | - |
| | Rhode Island (P) | 22 | 21 | - | - |
| | Tennessee (P) | 70 | 45 | - | - |
| | Texas (P) | 183 | 111 | - | - |
| | Virginia (P) | 75 | # | - | - |
| | Washington (C) | 65 | 41 | 36.2 | 50.9 |
| 10 | Alaska (C) | 12 | - | 36.5 | - |
| 12 | South Carolina (C) | 44 | - | 37.5 | - |
| 13-27 | North Dakota (C) | 15 | - | 37.9 | - |
| 15 | Illinois (P) | 173 | 92 | 42.1 | 54.9 |
| 18 | Kansas (C) | 39 | - | 43.0 | - |
| 20 | Puerto Rico (P) | 51 | 14 | 44.2 | 55.5 |
| 22 | Democrats abroad (P) | 7 | - | 44.4 | - |
| 26 | Michigan (C) | 138 | - | 47.7 | - |
| 29 | Connecticut (P) | 52 | 35 | 49.0 | 57.1 |
| Apr 1-30 | Delaware (C) | - | 17 | - | - |
| | Virgin Islands (C) | - | 4 | - | 58.0 |
| Apr 2 | Virgin Islands (C) | 3 | - | 49.0 | - |
| 4 | Colorado (C) | 45 | 36 | 50.1 | 59.6 |
| 5 | Wisconsin (P) | 81 | 47 | 52.1 | 61.7 |
| 16 | Arizona (C) | 36 | - | 53.0 | - |
| 18 | Delaware (C) | 15 | - | 53.3 | - |
| 19 | New York (P) | 255 | 136 | - | 67.6 |
| | Vermont (C) | 14 | - | 59.8 | - |
| 24 | Guam (C) | 3 | - | 59.8 | - |
| | Arizona (C) | - | 33 | - | 69.1 |
| 25 | Utah (C) | 23 | 26 | 60.4 | 73.3 |
| 26 | Pennsylvania (P) | 178 | 96 | 64.7 | - |
| | Vermont (C) | - | 17 | 64.1 | 75.2 |
| May 3 | District of Columbia (P) | 16 | 14 | - | - |
| | Indiana (P) | 79 | 51 | - | - |
| | Ohio (P) | 159 | 88 | 70.8 | 82.0 |
| May 10 | Nebraska (P) | 25 | 25 | - | - |
| | West Virginia (P) | 37 | 28 | 72.3 | 84.2 |
| 17 | Oregon (P) | 45 | 32 | 73.3 | 85.6 |
| 24 | Idaho (P) | - | 22 | - | 86.6 |
| Jun 7 | California (P) | 314 | 175 | - | - |
| | Montana (P) | 19 | 20 | - | - |
| | New Jersey (P) | 109 | 64 | - | - |
| | New Mexico (P) | 24 | 26 | 84.5 | 99.1 |
| 14 | North Dakota (P) | - | 16 | - | 99.8 |
| No Date | Guam (C) | - | 4 | - | 100 |
| Pledged delegates total | | 3517 | 2277 | | |

(C) = states holding a series of state-wide local party gatherings called caucuses.
(P) = those holding regular primary elections.
† Michigan has already selected its Republican delegates at a straw poll vote in 1986, and this result will be put to a convention of delegates on Jan 29.
* Excluding unpledged delegates.
# Non-binding

Source: Congressional Quarterly

### Where the money comes from

# Haves and have nots plan their dollar strategy

**By Alexander Johnson**

**Money may not be able to buy love for the presidential candidates in the 1988 race, but all their campaign managers know well that dollars are crucial for obtaining votes. As Republicans and Democrats gear up for next month's primaries, a balance sheet of the various campaigns in *The Wall Street Journal* has revealed that the financial strongmen this year are Vice-President George Bush and Senator Robert Dole on the Republican side and Democrat Governor Michael Dukakis.**

Mr Bush has a total of $11,261,541 (£6.1 million) of cash in hand and federal money due, whereas Mr Jack Kemp still owes $27,051 (£14,700). The Rev Pat Robertson, the TV evangelist, has raised $3,395,608 (£1.8 million) from his video flock. But Mr Pete Du Pont has only $968,762 (£526,500) and General Alexander Haig owes an undisclosed amount.

If, as expected, the Republican Party contest becomes a two-way fight between Mr Bush and Mr Dole, money will not play much of a role in determining the nomination, since both men have the ability to raise the $28 million (£15.2 million) that they are allowed to spend

More decisive has been the success of Mr Dukakis, the Governor of Massachusetts, who now has a clear financial advantage over his Democratic rivals. The Dukakis campaign, which now stands at $5,493,419 (£2.9 million), raised twice as much during 1987 as those of Mr Richard Gephardt or Senator Albert Gore. A leading analyst says that "Dukakis's bank account guarantees his presence in the field until Super Tuesday, on March 8, almost regardless of voters' decisions". Mr Dukakis is already looking beyond Iowa and New Hampshire and planning a to buy substantial advertising in the 20 states that hold presidential contests on Super Tuesday.

But the financial landscape can change rapidly depending on political success. Senator Gore is keeping a tight rein on his $2,356,401 (£1.2 million) next month with a view to splashing out in March, but others, such as Senator Paul Simon, who has only $790,000 (£429,000), are hoping that success in Iowa and New Hampshire will attract a flood of media attention and donations.

While Mr Bruce Babbitt has $140,235 (£76,214), and Mr Gephardt $637,216 (£346,313), the Rev Jesse Jackson has debts of $320,000 (£173,913), and former Senator Gary Hart is hoping that success in New Hampshire will finally allow him to see off the creditors from his 1984 campaign.

### The political issues

# Star Wars to Aids put candidates on spot

Seven broad issues in the election represent the main themes of the debates among the candidates and between the parties. All candidates will be forced, sooner or later, to take a position on each. The best litmus tests are:

**1 – How will you further reduce the budget deficit?**
Most Republicans echo President Reagan's call for a line-item veto, allowing a President to veto items of expenditure without throwing out a whole Bill. Senator Robert Dole wants a constitutional amendment mandating a balanced budget, General Alexander Haig and Congressman Jack Kemp oppose this, and Governor Pete Du Pont wants such an amendment demanding a three-fifths majority before Congress can raise taxes.

Among Democrats, Senator Paul Simon sponsored a balanced budget constitutional amendment – opposed by Congressman Richard Gephardt – but also wants a big increase in domestic spending, including $8 billion (£4.2 billion) to stimulate jobs. The Rev Jesse Jackson wants a $60 billion investment bank to pay for low-cost housing, roads and transport.

**2 – Will you raise taxes?**
All Republicans, except Mr Dole, have pledged themselves not to do so. But some, such as General Haig, have begun to hedge on this. The Rev Pat Robertson would consider tobacco and alcohol taxes. Mr Du Pont wants more tax cuts.

Democrats will not commit themselves to a general increase in income tax, but favour other taxes – Governor Bruce Babbitt wants a national consumption tax, Mr Gephardt an oil-import tax, Mr Jackson oil-import, luxury and wealth taxes, and Mr Simon an excise tax on cigarettes and energy.

**3 – Do you favour mandatory Aids testing and support National Academy of Sciences proposals for federally funded research, prevention and treatment?**
Most Republicans refuse to commit themselves on federal money for Aids victims, emphasizing instead mandatory and widespread testing of prisoners, immigrants, hospital patients and those getting married. Democrats broadly endorse the NAS recommendations and oppose mandatory testing, except for prisoners and the military.

**4 – How should the US improve education?**
All candidates want a crash programme of some variety.

**5 – Do you support the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty? Do you want early deployment of the Strategic Defence Initiative?**
All the Democrats answer "Yes" to the first and "No" to the second. Among the Republicans, the situation is more or less reversed – with the exception of Vice-President George Bush and, less convincingly, Mr Dole, who both support the INF Treaty. General Haig, modifying his opposition, now says it would do more harm to reject a treaty already signed.

All seven Democrats will campaign heavily for INF and for a follow-on strategic treaty.

**6 – Do you back the Arias plan for Central America? Should Contra funding continue?**
All Republicans, to varying degrees, support Contra aid, and most strongly reject the Arias plan, saying it does not deal with the Soviet and Cuban presence in Nicaragua.

The Democrats all favour the Arias plan, and call for increased US economic aid to the region.

**7 – Do you support the current trade Bill now being argued in Congress?**
Most Republicans do not, and oppose in particular the protectionist Gephardt amendment. But Mr Dole and Mr Robertson want retaliatory measures against nations erecting barriers to US products. Mr Bush, Mr Kemp and General Haig want an international agricultural summit to discuss phasing out global farm subsidies.

Democrats are uneasily divided on trade. Most advocate limited and temporary restrictions on imports, but are unhappy at the automatic retaliation of the Gephardt amendment and want to avoid triggering a trade war.

### The party conventions

# Back to the backrooms

In seeking a host city for the 1988 Republican convention, party officials this year took into account something they had not seriously considered since 1976: the possibility that the party would remain undecided when thousands of delegates gathered to cast their ballots for a candidate.

They therefore reckoned that, if there was a hotly contested convention, the number, size and location of a convention city's hotels would be of critical importance, as there would be plenty of backroom bargaining in the traditional smoke-filled rooms. So they settled on New Orleans.

The Republicans were probably being too cautious: of the two big parties, they have the most clear-cut race so far. But the Democrats, meeting a month later in Atlanta, ought to be thinking seriously what they will do if no candidate has established a majority by the time their 4,160 delegates arrive to pick the presidential nominee. For with the re-entry of former Senator Gary Hart into the race, it looks increasingly likely that the Democrats, for the first time since 1952, will be unable to nominate their candidate on the first ballot.

A brokered convention would be an extraordinary return to the old days when backroom political wheeler-dealers virtually decided the shape of the presidential race.

A strong showing by the two clerical "wild cards" in each party – the Rev Pat Robertson among the Republicans, and the Rev Jesse Jackson among the Democrats – heightens the prospect of open conventions.

Mr Jackson especially commands an intensely loyal following, mostly among black voters, and may well emerge as the numerical front-runner. But even liberal Democrats agree that he is unelectable: the party, let alone the country, is not ready for a black candidate. He is therefore in a position either to be a spoiler or a bargainer in transferring his support to someone else. The same goes for Mr Robertson.

A possible scenario goes like this: Senator Paul Simon or Congressman Richard Gephardt wins the initial Iowa caucuses, then Governor Michael Dukakis wins the New Hampshire primary. Three weeks later, Mr Jackson wins the most delegates in the Southern-dominated Super Tuesday primaries, but Senator Albert Gore of Tennessee does well, too. Three or four Democrats would fight it out for the next four months with no one coming to Atlanta with more than 40 per cent of the delegates.

This is when powerful kingmakers and mediators go from camp to camp in an attempt to unify support behind the front-runner. Among those mentioned for such a role are Mr Jim Wright, the increasingly assertive Speaker of the House of Representatives; former Governor Charles Robb of Virginia, who many would like to see as a candidate himself; and Mr Willie Brown, the Speaker of the California Assembly, and perhaps the most skilful black Democratic operator in the country.

But if they still cannot agree, there is a strong temptation to look outside and bring in one of the distinguished "refuseniks" – those men who have refused to run this time, despite good prospects and strong support. The three leading Democratic outsiders are Governor Mario Cuomo of New York, Senator Sam Nunn of Georgia, and Senator Bill Bradley of New Jersey.

Such a procedure would be highly unusual. But it is not impossible. Delegates are only pledged to vote for certain candidates on the first ballot; in the case of deadlock, they are generally free to switch allegiance. Much depends on whether the candidate drops out or whether he "throws" his delegates to someone else as part of a deal. And polls have consistently shown that a majority of Democratic voters would prefer a candidate who is not one of the seven declared runners.

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# SPECTRUM

When Mrs Thatcher meet's Nigeria's president today, she should be on guard: not for nothing is he known as 'politics' Maradona'

# Strongman's smiles and guiles

**THE TIMES PROFILE**

**IBRAHIM BABANGIDA**

It was shortly after Ibrahim Babangida deposed President Buhari in an apparently bloodless coup that one Nigerian journalist wrote: "Major-General Babangida, smiles a lot. This fact is cause for some anxiety for many Nigerians who had begun to associate the unsmiling face of Major-General Muhammadu Buhari with seriousness in government".

That Babangida is a jovial, hail-fellow-well-met sort of chap, coupled with the realization that for a soldier he is an extraordinarily astute politician, means that Nigerians have never ceased to be *fascinated* by this strictly military man who nevertheless was the first head of a military regime to take the title of president.

Any original doubts that his liking for jokes might be a sign of weakness have disappeared as an underlying streak of ruthlessness has appeared, combined with a talent for suprise. Add to this an astuteness at manipulating sticky situations to his own advantage and it becomes clear why he is called "the Maradona of Nigerian *politics*".

In his first broadcast after taking power, Babangida said that he had ousted Major-General Buhari because "we have witnessed a systematic annihilation of the new sense of hope awakened in every Nigerian" when Buhari took over from the corrupt civilian government of President Shehu Shagari at the end of 1983. One of Babangida's first acts was to free journalists held by the previous regime, stating: "We do not intend to lead a country while individuals are under fear of expressing themselves".

After six coup d'etats in 25 years of independence, this and subsequent measures heralded a new style of leadership, less formal but more personalized.

Born in Minna, in Niger state in 1941, he perhaps has the advantage of being considered a Nigerian rather than belonging exclusively to any major tribe or region. Coming from a modest background in the middle of Nigeria, rather than the far north, as many past leaders have done, it is difficult to accuse him of favouring one tribe over another or one area to the detriment of another. He is a Muslim who is not known for being over-devout – the stories of past drinking sessions with junior officers in the mess, and a certain ill-defined playboy aura, common to many Nigerians preclude his being considered a fanatic.

Six months after coming to power, fellow army officers were arrested for plotting to overthrow him. Among them was Major-General Maman Vatsa, a childhood friend. Although the execution of the plotters was condemned by many, it probably helped to consolidate his position, for Babangida was seen to be inflicting the same harsh justice on friends as on enemies.

Although his style of government has led to more openness, he has still been accused of cracking down too hard when police violently broke up student disturbances in 1986.

His career, until 1985, was strictly military, although he played an increasingly prominent role in different military regimes, as he did in the civil war with Biafra. It was a war wound from this period, shrapnel lodged in his spine, that caused him to have an operation and month-long treatment in Paris last summer.

After the failed coup by Lieutenant-Colonel Dimka in 1976, during which General Murtala Mohammed was assassinated, Babangida helped the government to survive under the leadership of General Olusegun Obasanjo. After the 1983 coup, having been promoted to major-general earlier that year, he became chief of the army staff under General Buhari. When his own turn came he combined the presidency with the role of commander-in-chief of the armed forces, last year becoming a full general.

He is not a man for pomp and ceremony. Dodan Barracks in Lagos, where Babangida still lives and works, must be one of the most unprepossessing presidential headquarters in Africa. However, his wife Maryam, very much the first lady, maintains a high profile. In Nancy Reagan style, she has her own much publicized interests, including a drug abuse prevention programme.

Until today, Mrs Thatcher and President Babangida had never met. She will undoubtedly be charmed by him but should be on her guard: one British journalist after interviewing him felt that he had just lost a keen game of chess. It is important that the two leaders hit it off in order to overcome the rather unfortunate way the question of her invitation was handled by Downing Street.

Nigerians received the probably accurate impression that they were being asked to invite Mrs Thatcher because she needed another major African country to visit in order to turn her trip this week to Kenya into a long-overdue African tour. Aside from the serious difference of opinion that will arise on South Africa, where the Nigerian pro-sanction stand is as forceful as the Prime Minister's anti-sanctions attitude, both Babangida and Mrs Thatcher have a lot in common. Both believe their policies are the only ones that can make their countries great again; both believe in less state involvement, more incentives for private enterprise; and both believe in instilling in their people a realization that they must be responsible for themselves.

Babangida launched his national programme of mass mobilization for economic recovery, self-reliance and social justice (*MAMSER*) last summer. It will be an uphill struggle to convince Nigerians that individual greed is against the national interest.

*MAMSER* posters telling people that it was their duty to vote were plastered everywhere during last month's experimental local elections. But disorganization at the top meant there were no ballot boxes at many of the voting stations.

The cornerstone of Babangida's economic policy is his structural adjustment programme, designed to streamline the public sector, cut inflation, and promote self-sufficiency. The austerity that Nigerians are now suffering has been made necessary by the once-rich country's years of waste and corruption, aggravated by tumbling oil prices.

The IMF question is an example of Babangida's skill at manoeuvring. He came to power saying that an agreement with the International Monetary Fund was the only way out of the country's difficulties, but when opinion turned against such a deal, he did a U-turn and rejected the IMF.

He warned, however, that the recovery would be long and hard and introduced his own structural adjustment programme (an amazingly similar version of the IMF plan). As a result the World Bank is playing a supportive role, debts have been rescheduled and, amid loud proclamations of Nigeria going it alone, the IMF has been quietly let in the back door.

Another policy cornerstone is Babangida's programme to return Nigeria to civilian rule by 1992. It is a feature of successive military regimes that they consider themselves a temporary measure in order to return the country to a mythical free-from-corruption civilian government. Babangida's is no exception, and he is serious when he says he cannot wait to get the army back into their barracks.

However, Nigeria is one of the hardest countries in the world to govern because of its size and the diversity of its large population. He plans to create a new political order which will be able to rule the country by 1992. He has banned all past and present politicians, including himself, from holding future office in the hope that a new, less-tainted species of politician will emerge.

Judging by the chaos and charges of vote rigging by banned politicians in the recent elections, it is going to be a difficult birth.

An improvement in British-Nigerian relations began soon after Babangida took office. A pragmatist, he quickly realized that the continuing squabble over the Dikko affair, when the former transport minister under Shagari was discovered drugged in a box at Stansted airport ready to be smuggled back to Nigeria to face corruption charges, was leading nowhere.

Despite their economic and social decline over the last five years, the Nigerian's sense of grandeur convinces them they are not only the leading country in Africa but still a potential world leader. Babangida is trying to convince them that they must set their own house in order before trying to satisfy other aspirations. In this highly volatile country it remains to be seen whether he will stay in power long enough to succeed and successfully hand Nigeria back to civilian rule.

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**1963:** Commissioned. Enrolled at Nigerian Military Training College.
**1966:** Promoted Lieutenant. Attended the Royal Armoured Centre, UK.
**1969:** Married Maryam King; two boys and a girl.
**1976:** Frustrated coup attempt *by the late Lt. Colonel Dimka.*
**1979:** Author of Civil/Military Relationship - The Nigerian Experience.
**1983:** Promoted Major-General.
**1985:** Became President and Commander-in-chief of Nigerian Armed Forces.
**1987:** Became General.

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# Picking pockets

The unlikeliest scraps of rural England are being transformed into mini-parks

Broom Hill, an improbable peak in flat mid-Suffolk, is under new management – as Britain's first official "pocket park". As an opening attraction there is the promise of extra primroses this spring.

The villagers of Coddenham, whose forebears have for centuries enjoyed air and exercise on this three-acre beauty spot, became its owners when the parish council took possession late last month.

Rejoicing may have been confined to this small community of 500 people, but their parochial triumph has a wider relevance in terms of countryside protection.

For Broom Hill is the first phase of a national pocket park scheme backed by the Royal Society for Nature *Conservation and the chemicals* company, Schering.

Pocket parks are modest in scale and aspiration. But they could add up to a considerable scattering of islands of popular habitat in a forbidden sea of intensely farmed private land.

The concept of an accessible play place, nature reserve, environmental studies area and village promenade, originated in a highly successful pilot scheme in Northamptonshire where eight pocket parks have been created since 1981. Other examples are spread around Wales, Cumbria and Avon.

The purchase of Broom Hill began, typically, with a local panic. Last spring, the villagers, who had traditionally roamed unhindered but without any formal permission on the hill, heard it was for sale.

*Fearing that an outsider* might buy it and exclude them, they decided to bid for it themselves. Luckily for Coddenham, the hill's owners, a Swiss farming consortium, gave them first refusal. Anxious villagers raised the money in three months and were backed by a 50 per cent grant from the Countryside Commission. The site was sold for "about £4,500". A team of 30 volunteers has already set to work to ensure that the hill's various attractions are kept in informal balance.

'It's nice to look at a place that was in danger and see it's safe now'

Now the hill will serve as *winter Cresta run, dog walking* area, and the only available open strolling place in a sea of agriculture. That ubiquitous village social facility, a lovers' lane, will be maintained.

Suffolk Wildlife Trust will manage the hill, an area of mixed woodland and acid chalk grassland with a rich plant community. An early bonus should be a spring proliferation of primroses when choking undergrowth is hacked away.

"It's nice to look at a place that was in danger and realize that we saved it," says Mark Rose, who along with parish councillor Bernard Baker is one of the leading campaigners behind the project.

Pocket parks are distinct from any other category of protected land. Although they will have some existing conservation value or potential, they will rank below nature reserve status. They will differ from common land, which despite its name is not always invariably open to the public. But they will not usually contain swings and roundabouts and they will not be neatly manicured like formal urban parks.

Jo Rose, pocket parks advisory officer for Northampton County Council, says: "People were not very keen on local authority picnic sites or formal parks. They prefer to choose where they go. They told us: 'This is the bit we want to be saved and, if necessary, we will save it ourselves'."

Among the haphazard corners of derelict land coaxed into greenery is 4.5 acres of *disused brickyards at Greens* Norton, in Northamptonshire. The area seemed lost to possible development but in two months the village organized a successful rescue package. Its network of ponds and wetlands now contains the rare great crested newt.

In the same county, a pocket park was made out of 17 acres of railway cutting at Woodford Halse which had been earmarked as a site for waste disposal. It now contains four types of orchid.

Mrs Rose lists three criteria which pocket parks must meet. They must be in countryside or village as opposed to inner cities; they must have free public access – people must not have to join an association to visit them; and control and decision making must lie with the local community, either in the parish council or any formal body of villagers.

The pocket park is a challenge to local initiative. "Anyone can do it," says Mrs Rose. "First find a bit of land, then track down the owner." (In Northamptonshire start up costs have averaged between £500 and £750 where the land is leased.) "These are places set aside to enjoy. It's the people's decision – it's their heritage."

**Gareth Huw Davies**

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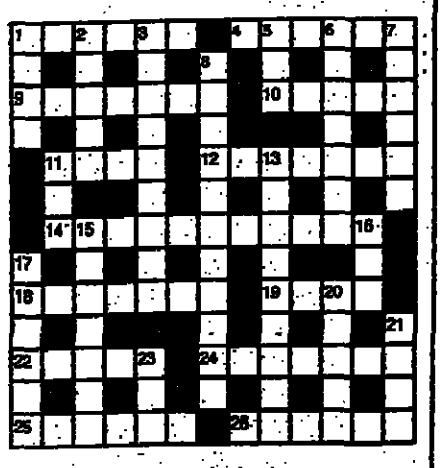

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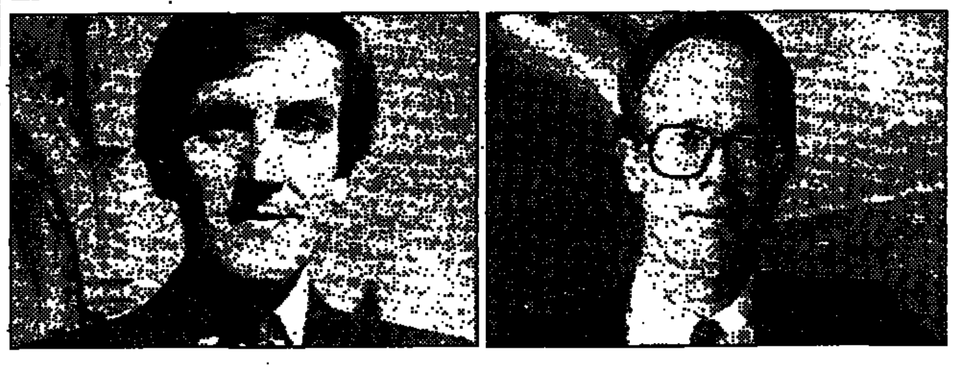
The jobs threat to Britain's museum and gallery directors



Britain's Neil McGregor, left, earns £38,425; America's Edmund Pillsbury, £80,000-plus

# Can those trustees really be trusted?

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A weekly look at the art world

**Sarah Jane Checkland**

What kind of animal is the museum director *turning into? Once* he was something of a bookworm; writing tomes on his exhibits, strolling to his club for lunch. Now, because of the Tories' self-help policy, he needs antennae to detect potential patrons; claws to fight in the art market for acquisitions; and a Colgate smile to beam upon the public.

Never have there been more changes at the top of the museum world than over the last two years. New directors have been appointed at the Science Museum and the National Gallery; Elizabeth Esteve-Coll starts at the V & A this week and Nicholas Serota at the Tate in summer.

Whether or not they rise to the occasion, the real question is: will they want to stay in their posts? One by one, directorships have been put on five-year contracts. If a face doesn't fit it will soon be out of *a job.* And salaries compare miserably with the private sector: £43,500 at the British Museum, £38,425 at the National Gallery in London, £27,065 at the National Galleries of Scotland.

Now, in an internal report, *A review of the posts of the Directors of Certain Museums, Galleries and Libraries*, the Government's Office of Arts and Libraries is considering vetting directors and paying them according to merit, with the trustees sitting in annual judgement.

The United States, however, provides a clue to the dangers of such a system. Over the last year the US has been left with up to 20 vacancies at leading institutions.

Charles Moffatt, chief curator at the National Gallery in Washington, says: "Trad*itionally directors came up* from the curatorial ranks, but the job has changed so much in the last 20 years – into something which is part economist, part conservator, part curator – that there are no longer sufficient people who want to be directors."

And one of the main US disincentives has been the ascendancy of the trustees who, as the main source of funding for many museums, use emotional blackmail to get what they want, such as, hanging the promise of a collection in front of directors like a carrot.

For a variety of reasons, some similar to those in America, Britain may be heading for a similar job crisis. Here the leading museums are publicly funded and directors are protected from trustee tyranny. Yet disagreements with trustees have been cited among the reasons for Sir Roy Strong's voluntary departure from the V&A last month.

New British employment conditions, in particular the five-year contracts and the proposed vetting procedures, are harsher than in the US.

How can a museum director be assessed when he is supposedly at the top of his pile?

"Assessment by the trustees would undermine cooperation and confidence between directors and their boards of trustees," says *the Association* of First Division Civil Servants. "Inevitably it will place the director in a more subservient position *vis-à-vis* trustee boards, and we do not think this will improve the efficiency and effectiveness of museums and galleries".

Ian Robertson, president of the Museums Association, asks: "Are assessments going to be influenced by media reports as to whether a director is any good or not? Or will it be the trustees alone? The issue is of considerable public interest as, by rewarding a certain kind of director, you may be able to determine in which way a museum goes."

The existence of museum trustees derives from the British tradition of "checks and balances, like the jury system in law", says Robertson, who adds that it is time to put their functions under scrutiny.

For trustees to operate responsibly they should be required to undergo some sort of training, perhaps like JPs. They should include ordinary *men and women among their* ranks of academics and, increasingly, business magnates.

If directors are not to become extinct, the Government must increase salaries to glamorous levels in keeping with the racy new profile it expects from museums. (Edmund Pillsbury of the Kimbell Museum, Fort Worth, Texas, earns £80,000-plus, more than twice Neil McGregor's salary at the National Gallery).

Finally, it should encourage a perceived career progression for museum staff. At present, says one expert: "If you go to the provinces as a director you are exiled for life".

What is the point of applying, and enduring the ordeal of publicity and popularity polls in the Press, when the *likelihood is that the new director* will spring from the Old Boy network in London?

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## Porter stake-out

Lady Porter, whose temporary departure from the leadership of Tory-controlled Westminster council in October set colleagues jostling for position, is to resume office this week, I can reveal. The council says the Tesco heiress has arrived back from Florida fully recovered from a virus and is "raring to go". However, she will find little to celebrate on her return. Against her express advice, cohorts in her absence awarded £50,000 overtime to top officials. Full council meetings are now so plagued by interruptions that a video camera is being used to provide evidence of misdoings — although, to Labour fury, it was pointing the wrong way to catch a struggle with a security guard in which a heckler was bloodied. And officials have failed to persuade either housing minister William Waldegrave or the party chairman, local MP Peter Brooke, to open Westminster's home sales centre next week. The area's *other* MP, backbencher John Wheeler, will do the honours.

## Forgan office

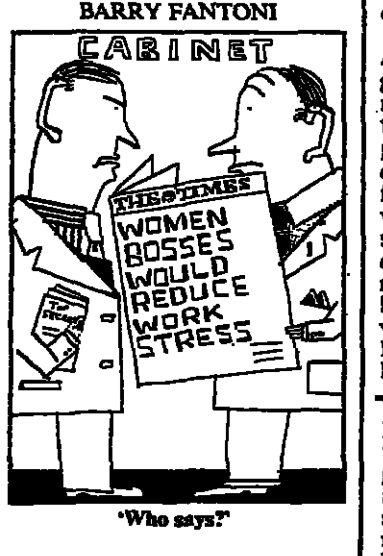
I have come across an extraordinary way of trying to make friends with and influence the new boss. Just days before Michael Grade took over on Monday at Channel 4, deputy director of programmes Liz Forgan, who applied for his job, invited a group of telly folk to a £20-a-head dinner at the White Tower in Percy Street on February 15 "to cheer up" John Birt, the BBC's deputy director general. "John is a mate and the object of the exercise is not to talk at all about the BBC. It was fixed at a time when he was considerably beleaguered and having a tough time." Has Forgan really forgotten that Grade resigned because of Birt's ever-increasing influence over programming?

**● While Richard Nixon's portrait has been commissioned by the conservative Union League Club in New York, the rehabilitation of others from his administration is not going so well. John Connally, his Treasury Secretary for two years and the former Governor of Texas injured in JFK's shooting, is auctioning his belongings later this month to pay off creditors. Connally filed for bankruptcy last July with debts of $93 million. Perhaps a White House garage sale could be organized for him, followed by one for the present Treasury Secretary, who has an even bigger deficit.**

## Last eleven

With Ilea looking likely to reverse its thinking and reintroduce competitive sports to the curriculum, macabre new evidence of their value reaches me. Alan Hardy, a big cheese in the Northern Ireland prison service, is enthusing about a six-day visit to a South Carolina penitentiary in which he took it upon himself to introduce soccer to death row. Finding the game was relieving the "stress and tensions" of the 38 condemned prisoners, he set up a "friendly" with the local YMCA. He reports: "Although the Y won the game by four goals to one there was obvious enjoyment from both players and spectators. The governor of the state was heard to say that it was the first time he had seen death-row prisoners laughing and enjoying themselves."

BARRY FANTONI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WOMEN BOSSES WOULD REDUCE WORK STRESS

'Who says?'

## Both sides now

Ann Clwyd, Labour's globe-trotting deputy women's spokeswoman, is spending her holidays bringing peace to the valleys of her Cynon Valley constituency. She has intervened in a dispute at the Miss Janey Wales clothing factory in which 70 workers have been locked out since a one-day strike before Christmas over holiday working. When managers refused to talk to the TGWU, the union approached Miss Clwyd, who has now persuaded the employer to meet the conciliation service Acas. I am glad that the T&G is finding her so helpful, for back at Westminster she has been on the other side of negotiations — as an employer. Andy Childs, the T&G's Westminster branch secretary, says it is still discussing with her the unhappy departure last autumn of her assistant, Guy Massey. She yesterday protested that the matter was closed: "And I'm very surprised that you connect the two things."

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# Taking the taxpayer into partnership

### by Alan Peacock

The government claims that the principal reason for introducing the community charge is to increase taxpayers' awareness of what they are paying for and so encourage a healthy interest in the process of government. But why confine this principle to local government finance? If the government is serious about increasing individual freedom and responsibility it should extend it to the tax system as a whole. What follows are preliminary suggestions for changes in our tax system which would do much to promote this state of affairs.

The individual taxpayer should no longer have his tax deducted at source through his employer, but should be allowed to calculate his own tax liability, subject to verification by the Inland Revenue. Under the existing system about 75 per cent of income tax is collected at source, and the taxpayer wears a badge of servitude rather than an emblem of citizenship. By bringing people face to face with the tax authorities they would gain understanding of the system and become more self-reliant.

Of course, there will be objections in principle and practice to this radical change. Self-assessment might make it more difficult to ensure that some people don't cheat without draconian and expensive methods of checking, but the experience of other countries suggests that the majority are honest in the process. The initial costs might be high and taxpayers would require considerable assistance in form-filling. However, self-assessment is not some strange beast. It is already used for VAT and by the growing numbers of self-employed.

The government should have the courage of its convictions and scrap the state earnings related pensions scheme (Serps) entirely. This is a paternalistic element in our fiscal system which denies individuals the right to save for retirement in their own way. For example, a person with a family might prefer to have more spending money while the children are young, and save more towards retirement later. But such flexibility is impossible at present.

Abolishing Serps would also reduce the burden on the working population of the increasing proportion of retired people. In 25 years' time the elderly will present a major unfunded pension liability for the government.

Most people, especially if they are not share owners, are probably unaware that they pay corporation tax. All taxes are eventually borne by individuals and the defect of corporation tax is that it obscures this fact. I therefore suggest abolishing it and incorporating it with personal income tax. Dividends and companies' retained profits alike would be assigned to individual taxpayers, who would pay income tax on them. This would increase the visibility of the tax, which is all the more necessary as the proportion of the working population holding shares increases with privatization.

The community charge, or poll tax, must be welcomed as a way of increasing public awareness of the realities of financing government expenditure. However, accepting this principle does not mean the charge has to be the *major* source of local finance, and an upper limit might well be placed on the amount levied by any local authority. To make good the lost revenue, local authorities might be allocated a share of the more comprehensive income tax I am suggesting.

In the early 1960s the Conservatives abolished the Schedule A tax on owner-occupied property. Based on the idea that if you own a house you get an income by renting it to yourself, it was a much fairer way of taxing property income than the local rate. It should be reintroduced. To offset it the £30,000 ceiling on mortgage interest relief could be raised or scrapped altogether. This arrangement would help to redress the imbalance in the personal tax system which favours the well-off elderly, who have finished paying off a mortgage, at the expense of the young.

Heightening the taxpayers' awareness of their role as paymaster is only a first stage in any reform. We need to devise ways for government to take account of taxpayers' views on how their money should be spent, but at the same time prevent it from yielding too readily to pressure groups with a strong interest in particular expenditure programmes. Possibilities here include limiting the extent to which the government can get into debt, holding referendums on major expenditure projects, and devolving tax and expenditure decisions to reflect regional preferences.

So far this government has expressed no interest in such constitutional change as a prerequisite for tax reform. Even though it is committed to lower spending the public budget remains relatively large. It is therefore nonsense to suppose that the average person's tax burden will be substantially reduced, even if Mr Lawson cuts income tax rates.

Whatever the practical reasons for the government's lack of progress, it is high time it reviewed a tax system which, by relying on the techniques of the illusionist to ensure compliance, is so out of tune with its own philosophy.

*Sir Alan Peacock is executive director of the David Hume Institute, Edinburgh. This is an edited extract from his paper for the Institute of Economic Affair's conference on tax reform in London today.*

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### David Walker on uncomfortable lessons the Americans are teaching their guest Kenneth Clarke on the dynamics of urban regeneration

# Faith in the US cities

Kenneth Clarke is a young minister in search of a big idea to call his own, to establish himself in his new and vulnerable role as the inner-cities supremo, and so secure his credentials as a candidate for the Tory succession. After that great gap in inner-city politics between Mrs Thatcher's startling commitment given on the steps of Conservative Central Office in June and her final, somewhat *sotto voce*, naming of Clarke as the ministerial co-ordinator for inner cities, there is much lost time to be made up.

So the Minister for Trade and Industry is in a hurry and is in the United States this week on a swing through Atlanta, Pittsburgh and other cities, from whose example he hopes to learn. He needs a gimmick, or to put it more politely, a policy initiative, that is distinctly his. And that is why a group of young black men on a corner of Auburn Avenue in downtown Atlanta, their collars turned up against the sharp cold of early January, came to be the object of scrutiny from one of Her Majesty's ministers squeezed into a touring mini-bus.

"If we can pick up one idea in a week we can take back with us, we're doing well," Clarke said. He must be mindful that his predecessor as inner-city supremo, Michael Heseltine, found the American cities a ready source of models and plans. Among his borrowings, urban development grants, pioneered in Baltimore, are reckoned a great success: they are based on the idea that a small sum of accurately-aimed public grant can lever three or four times as much private investment for an inner-area project.

Clarke likes that flavour. Whatever kind of inner-city leader he is to be, it will not be St Nicholas. His mission to the United States is to find ways of getting more private money downtown. No handouts from him to local councils, which he loathes.

In Atlanta he alights on Central Atlanta Progress, a charitable group backed by the city's banks, retailers and big private corporations; it has acted as a catalyst for property development in the downtown area for 40 years. At first Edmund Armentrout, its vice-president, paints Clarke a stimulating picture of private capital mobilizing to reclaim a run-down city centre block by block. One of Clarke's civil servants seizes on parallels with Business in the Community in Britain, a similar organization using private firms' money for purposes at once profitable and public-spirited.

But then the divergence of culture and politics between the US and Britain begins to show through, and the British visitors are left grasping for any single, intelligible idea they can take back and package as a Clarke initiative. As Armentrout steers his visitors to the top of First Atlanta Tower for a panorama of his city, then into the mini-bus for a tour of the neighbourhood, his narrative of the painful process of regenerating a city becomes complex.

It is a story of politicians, public money, huge federal grants from Washington for a new underground rail system, tax incentives from the state legislature, also of a business community with a conscience, willing to observe quotas in the employment of blacks, to pay into a pool to provide day-care centres to allow more women to take jobs in downtown banks and stores. Above all, it is a story of deals and trade-offs — intensely detailed local negotiations among a group of business people, politicians and (peculiarly American) public interest entrepreneurs such as Armentrout, all working together because they want their city, Atlanta, prosperous.

The story is similar in Pittsburgh, Baltimore, Boston or any American city where regeneration seems to be working. And the scope for Clarke to lift some simple idea is minimal.

For what the Americans are telling him are things no member of Mrs Thatcher's government will want to hear. Intensive and vital local politics are part of the regeneration process: local power brokers — Democrats, black leaders — cut deals. It's unimaginable in the United States for central government to attempt to displace local politics as Mrs Thatcher's programme of urban corporations and reductions in council powers have done.

Atlanta's successful regeneration has been founded on tax incentives. Mrs Thatcher's government is about to "nationalize" the local property rate on British businesses and abolish domestic property rate. In other words it is about to rob itself of a primary tool for favouring one bit of the city over another in order to stimulate growth.

In Atlanta, as in other American cities, business has a civic commitment. Executives are willing to put their companies' money into projects for the common good — and tell their shareholders, convincingly, that what is good for Atlanta must be good for its banks, shops, professional services and so on. In Birmingham or Liverpool, Barclays Bank is not even a local company: its corporate commitment to the refurbishment of the inner areas is slim.

So, as a member of Mrs. Thatcher's government, this week's visit has given the inner-city supremo slim pickings. He is effectively being told he must not only re-educate British capitalists into a new local, social conscience, but that he must tolerate local political diversity — neither lesson consistent with the trend of Thatcherite politics.

But Clarke, as a contender for the succession to Mrs Thatcher, is after something original, a new political idea. In his speech to the Atlanta business club he praised the creation by Mrs Thatcher of an "aggressively competitive Britain" but in the next breath acknowledged that he would not be in his new job if that Britain did not have substantial pockets, as he put it, and had not shared benefits.

Clarke's task, if he is to break from the pack, is somehow to reach for a post-Thatcher synthesis in which caring capitalism fills those pockets. Atlanta showed him at least the limits of central solutions and the potential energy of local politics.

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### Peter Mittler argues that children with special school needs are being ignored

# Passed over in the rush to reform

In the headlong rush to implement the Education Reform Bill, the government seems to be overlooking the interests of children with special educational needs, children from socially disadvantaged backgrounds, and those from ethnic minorities.

They come from families who are not always articulate, who do not join pressure groups and whose range of options will be reduced rather than enhanced. The government's proposals seem to be inconsistent with its own earlier policies and legislation, and swim against the tide of what has been accepted as good professional practice by the school inspectors, schools and colleges.

Ten years ago, the Warnock committee established that around 20 per cent of all children had special educational needs. Only 2 per cent of these were in special schools and the remainder were children with a wide range of difficulties already in ordinary schools. Indeed, Sir Keith Joseph's insistence that up to 40 per cent of children were failing to benefit from schooling led to initiatives specifically designed to help them.

By definition, children with special needs will do badly on the new target tests. The government says that the tests will identify children with learning difficulties so that appropriate help can be given. But there is ample evidence to indicate that teachers have already identified children with special needs. What they need is professional support in understanding the nature of those difficulties and in devising teaching strategies.

Such support is already inadequate, as shown by the House of Commons select committee, by reports from Her Majesty's Inspectors of Schools, by DES-commissioned research. And now the capacity of local education authorities to provide such support is likely to be further reduced because of the policy of weakening their links with schools.

How will children with special needs fare when schools are judged by the extent to which their pupils reach acceptable levels of performance in the national curriculum? When schools have greater control over resources, what priority will be given to children who need additional staffing and materials?

Neither the bill nor the consultation documents have anything pertinent to say on these questions. Furthermore, the emphasis on subject boundaries and target testing leaves little scope for work which is particularly relevant to these children — pastoral work, social and personal education, life and social skills, careers education, home economics, indeed everything that ensures they have full access to each area of the curriculum.

Given the pressures, schools are more likely to press for some pupils to be removed to special schools. Schools will now think twice about accepting or retaining children with significant learning or behaviour difficulties who may be seen as not only lowering standards but who are also much more expensive to teach. The 1981 Education Act will be used to exclude children from ordinary schools, although it was designed with the opposite intention.

The only mention of special needs in the bill is in clause 10, which exempts children who are specifically identified under the 1981 Act from specified parts of the national curriculum. This clause could be both divisive and discriminatory and would be used to exempt a much larger group of pupils in ordinary schools. This clause could be dispensed with if schools were given more discretion in interpreting the legislation and if the interests of children with special needs could be safeguarded by a preamble to the bill specifically protecting their interests.

The bill is also strangely silent on the responsibilities of the proposed grant-maintained schools for children with special needs. It is not even clear whether such schools will be bound by the 1981 Eduction Act, or whether they will have to admit such children at all,

The government seems to have overlooked children with special needs. Can Parliament do better?

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### Ronald Butt

# Mrs Thatcher's nettle garden

Reactions to Mrs Thatcher's breaking of the record for the longest-serving Prime Minister of this century have oscillated uneasily between gush and rather ineffective spite. They have concentrated on her dominant personality, her intimidating style of managing her Cabinet and her alleged monarchical temperament, of which one symptom is said to be her tendency to use the royal plural, though I think she uses it to try to demonstrate that she is speaking not for herself but for the government, much as a store might say: we are making every effort to deliver your order.

Now it is certainly true that Mrs Thatcher's government is dominated by her. But the same could have been said of most of her recent predecessors. The difference is that she has succeeded as they never did tackling the fundamental socio-economic problems of the nation, despite opposition from within the Cabinet in her first term. That was so much a personal achievement that we take it for granted and seldom analyse how it happened or what is Mrs Thatcher's approach to policy-making more generally.

Because she says what she thinks, Mrs Thatcher is regarded as doctrinaire; a woman with a total vision of precisely what she wants and where she is going. It is true that Mrs Thatcher has convictions. Without them she would never have had the courage to persist with her policies against so much obstruction.

But far from being a total doctrinaire she is very given to improvization as she decides which bits of her convictions should be put into practice and which not. That is a strength because one of her great skills is in grasping the recognized problem of the moment and concentrating on it. When faced with the genuinely urgent she takes charge, makes it her own priority and applies her principles to its solution with exemplary courage.

That is what she did with the economy, trade union reform, the Falklands, the European budget, and Mr Scargill's challenge to democratic government. All these were nettles grasped personally. To all of them she applied the principles she has, which has been an enormous strength.

But she has also been successful because the ideas and convictions she has applied have been those whose time had come. There was no other way than hers, for instance, of dealing with inflation, or the unions, even though her colleagues couldn't see it. But she is less successsful in identifying tomorrow's priorities and tackling them before they become today's crisis, even when she knows that all is not well.

Thus, as Education Secretary she approved, against her better judgement, the rapid expansion of comprehensive schools. Admittedly, she had little alternative, given the disposition of the Heath government, and the fashion of the time. Politicians have to compromise to survive to do (as they hope) better.

But she has also side-stepped some of tomorrow's priorities as Prime Minister. If she is defeated at the next election it will be over the condition of public sector services and particularly that of the health service and its financing. She did not tackle it before it became today's problem for fear of what her opponents and the media would make of it. But now the condition of the NHS has become an emergency and is being gingerly grasped.

There is even a certain triumph around 10 Downing Street on the grounds that events are forcing the government's hand in the way it wishes to have it forced. Cash shortage, closed wards and urgent cases turned away, despite more government money, will (it is said) now force people to see that fundamental reform is needed, and will secure support for a new approach by the government in a manner which would have been impossible before. It will be just like the support for its necessary economic reforms.

But there is a difference. With the economy and the unions, the Tories came in with a clear approach to tackle an old problem that had become a desperate crisis. Now they will be trying to bring in reforms which are bound to have transitional pains at the end of three terms. The public will be aware of the cost of the solutions before they benefit from the solutions themselves. The same is likely to be true of the poll tax.

Now it may be that the electorate will nevertheless grasp the point. Besides, given the nature of the opposition it will have cause to stick with Mrs Thatcher. Yet these problems should have been faced in the second Thatcher Parliament. The people should have been invited to support putting the NHS on a proper insurance basis or a genuinely mixed system, on the continental style. Likewise with education. The government could have ended the comprehensive experiment, replacing it by something like the old grammar schools but with genuinely good technical schools, which we never had before. Or it could have been really bold and privatized the management of the school system, under wholesale direct grant arrangement.

Instead, it has lost time, compromised and concentrated on non-necessities such as privatizing monopolistic utilities like gas and electricity, though it matters much less whether these are in public or private ownership than how the hospital and educational services are managed and financed.

Mrs Thatcher is a conviction politician with a pragmatic approach. Her concentration on today's problems at the expense of tomorrow's produces enormous drive and results. But there is a price to be paid for it. Still, we can't have everything and we have had a great deal.

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### *however* . . . Kenneth Robinson

# Your date with the good life

The January sales are offering good value for the whole family with the cut-price pocket diaries for 1988. I'm told that a lot of people buy more than one of these at a time, because of the specialized information in everything from the *Sex Maniac's Diary* to the *Paddington Bear Diary*.

A quick browse through the latest collection will teach you how to make your raisins more plump (*Woman's Own Diary*), why you must never leave your peeled banana in the fridge (*Brownie Diary*), and what a Scout ought to do in a thunderstorm.

The last hint is printed in the *Scout's Diary*, where a diagram shows that a boy can avoid being struck by lightning if he squats in the centre of a room with his knees up. There is advice, too, on what a Scout can do if a passer-by collapses. "Put up a tent," says the diary. It goes on to say, reasonably enough, "if you have one".

The *Scout's Diary* also warns readers that February 22 is to be "Girl Guide Thinking Day". The Scouts are not told how to cope with such an emergency, but they can, in fact, get an insight into a Guide's mind by reading her own *Girl Guide's Diary*. This shows her to be unusually inventive with a polythene bag, which she uses as a dog's drinking bowl, a basket for raspberries, a saddle cover, a hat for her mother and a toy parachute for her small brother.

Ingenuity of this kind is provided every year in the *TV Times Diary*, by Katie Boyle. Last year she told readers how to prevent their brittle eyelashes snapping off in bed, and this time she advises them to pour eggs and brandy over their heads before a shampoo. They should also rub granulated sugar and vegetable oil on their hands and feet, says Katie, before plunging the feet into hot water garnished with fresh nettles. This, it seems, is particularly refreshing after a day's shopping.

Shopping can now be quite hazardous, as well as tiring, says the *Woman and Home Diary*. It seems that the shopper who buys food when she is hungry often chooses the most fattening things out of greed. If she is *really* tempted to eat the wrong sort of food, says the diary, she should do something energetic instead, such as walking, gardening, cleaning out a cupboard or visiting a friend.

And when she *does* get round to eating, says the *Woman Diary*, she should always use a tiny plate, so that even a small portion looks quite big, and she can deceive herself into cutting down on calories. Such a fanatical dieter will certainly need the *Slimming Diary*. In 10 minutes, she is told, 20 calories are lost by knitting or playing darts, 30 by bedmaking or roller skating, and 60 by walking upstairs or windsurfing.

For anyone who wants more out of life than preoccupation with food, there are details of the maximum sizes of umbrellas, dustbins and baby grand pianos. (*Architect and Builder Diary*.) Then there is unexpected guidance, in the *Woman's Weekly Diary*, for parents whose "toddler" has turned pink in sunshine. It should be dipped, they are told, in a solution of warm water and bicarbonate of soda.

The more "obstinate" stains, as women's magazines like to call them, are something the diaries often disagree about. A beer stain, says the *She Diary*, requires cold water. Warm water is best, says the *Woman's Weekly Diary*. And the *Lady's Diary* has always insisted on "boiling water poured from a height". There is disagreement, too, in the diary horoscopes. If a woman is a Leo, she will learn from *Woman's Weekly Diary* that she is a natural leader. But *Look Now Diary* says that a Leo lacks confidence.

Finally, for those who want to know *how* to become confident this year, there is advice from the Bible Society's *Good News Diary*. Confidence can be acquired, it tells readers, if they think only about things that are true, honest, just, pure, lovely and of good report. That, of course, is even more difficult today than it was when Paul suggested it to the Philipians. A lot of people may prefer *Primo Diary*'s short-cut to confidence. "Take a deep breath through the nose," it says, "and then breathe out through the mouth and repeat. This always works."

I shall leave you with that thought for the year. Coupled with the age-old wisdom of Katie Boyle. "Never," she says, "get rust on your wok."

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# FATAL FURNITURE

The deaths of 10 young children in house fires in the first week of the new year have brought inevitable calls for something, anything, to be done to prevent such tragedies in the future. Initial reports that the children died not because of the flames but because of the fumes produced by blazing foam furniture have concentrated attention on the risks posed by such furniture and elicited a *promise from the* Government that stricter safety controls will be introduced.

So prompt a response to public concern is gratifying. In the discussion which the Government is now initiating with fire officers and other experts, and the lobbying that is bound to come from the furniture manufacturers, it is vital that momentum is not lost.

The risk posed by furniture fires was officially acknowledged in 1983, when the Government introduced regulations requiring domestic upholstered furniture to be capable of resisting a smouldering cigarette. Furniture which fails the test has to display a warning label, although, as our reporter discovered on the high street yesterday, these are still poorly presented and understood. Even this limited test applies only to the outer covering, not to *the stuffing*, and is negated by any damage to the cover.

The deaths of the past week demonstrate what fire brigades now say they have known for more than 10 years: that the chief cause of fatalities in house fires (accounting for nearly *two-thirds of all deaths in such circumstances)* is the smoke given off by burning polyurethane foam. Understandably, they are demanding a complete ban on its use in domestic furniture.

The drawback, as in so many areas of safety, is cost: not so much the cost of enforcing the *new legislation as the cost to the customer* of furniture made with flame-resistant materials. The use of polyurethane foam has brought new and, in many cases, attractive and comfortable furniture within reach of most people. It has also accustomed buyers to expect furniture to be cheap. *If foam furniture is banned, those* days will seem to be over.

The furniture industry must respond quickly by developing and making safer furniture which is cheaper. The experience of the past five years, since the labelling regulations have been in force, suggests that only legislation which bans polyurethane foam in furniture will galvanize the industry into action. So long as foam is comparatively so much cheaper, *persuasion and voluntary codes of practice* will not have the desired effect.

Even then, there will be no immediate reduction in the number of casualties in house fires. While some people will be persuaded for safety reasons to invest in new, safer furniture, *most will keep what they have. It may be 10* years or even longer after any legislation comes into force before the number of those who die from inhaling toxic fumes produced by foam starts to fall significantly.

Nor will a ban on foam furniture reduce the *incidence of house fires by itself. Foam,* however inflammable, does not cause fire. When the causes of fatal fires are investigated it usually emerges that the culprit is a smouldering cigarette end, an unguarded fire, an electric fire placed too close to combustible material, or children playing with matches or a cigarette lighter. With a general air of concern prevailing about fatal housefires now is the time for the Government to launch a new publicity campaign explaining the most common causes of house fires and how to avoid them.

*Britain is one of the most fire-safety* conscious countries in the world. Foreign visitors often question whether the elaborate fire regulations which apply to public buildings, offices and hotels here are really necessary.

*Gradually, however, other countries are* introducing their own regulations, often based on British standards. The fact that no other country in the European Community has yet banned the use of polyurethane foam in furniture is no reason for procrastination in *Britain. If a ban is enforced and lives are saved,* others will follow.

# CHANCE FOR THE CHANCELLOR

*This* weekend the *Chancellor* of the Exchequer, Mr Nigel Lawson, gathers with his fellow Treasury ministers and officials at Chevening in Kent for the now traditional weekend of budget discussion. Before getting down to the enjoyable details of a penny on here or a penny *off there he will have to consider the prior* question of how much or how little he should be prepared to "give away", as the misleading jargon has it, in total.

This week has brought new evidence of the continuing buoyancy in the British economy. *In the third quarter of last year the amount of* income which people saved dropped to 5 per cent. It has been widely pointed out that this is a very low figure in historical terms. While a gradual fall in the rate of saving is to be expected when inflation comes down, and while *there may* also have been special factors at work this year such as the holiday on contributions announced by a number of pension funds, this is one more piece of evidence that domestic demand in the British economy is high. This is in spite of the fall in share prices.

There is a wide range of views on how the Chancellor should react. Yesterday the Institute of Directors proposed the same figure for next year's public sector borrowing requirement as in the last medium-term financial strategy – £4 billion. But some of the more nervous commentators in the City now believe that the Chancellor should plan for a budget surplus. The difference could be up to £5 billion of tax cuts.

The case for caution is that, with demand falling in the rest of the world and the effect of the informal devaluation of 1986 wearing off, the balance of payments deficit can only deteriorate next year. There is no law, however, which says that public sector *borrowing should always be lower in cash* terms than in the previous year. This year the Chancellor revised his borrowing target in the autumn statement down from £4 billion to £1 billion, and the outturn may well be even lower. But with the economy growing faster *this year than for a long time and tax revenue* consequently buoyant one would expect a relatively low level of borrowing. Next year growth will be lower so that whatever level of borrowing is adopted will be more stringent compared to this year than the figures themselves might suggest.

If the Chancellor agrees with the Institute of Directors that a public sector borrowing requirement of £4 billion is the right answer for next year then all kinds of good deeds come within the Chancellor's grasp. The IoD's own selection includes abolishing all the higher rates of income tax, bringing the basic rate down to the promised level of 25p in the pound and, for good measure, doing away with inheritance tax and possibly capital gains tax too.

The Chancellor will want to be more cautious, but even with a substantially lower level of borrowing there is a great deal he can do by tax reform. A cut in top rates would increase incentive and make Britain a more attractive place in which to invest. Some reduction in employers' national insurance contributions might help to restore some of the competitiveness eroded by the fall in the dollar and, therefore, protect the balance of payments. Lower capital taxes make for more efficient allocation of investment.

Moves on all of these are possible, within a total package which makes political sense. The Chancellor has an outstanding opportunity at the beginning of this Parliament to push tax reform forward. He should take it.

# EMBASSY TO JAPAN

The Foreign Secretary, Sir Geoffrey Howe, has a major opportunity at the start of his five day visit to Japan, which begins tomorrow. He can shuffle the papers detailing the inevitable list of trade niggles between the two countries to the bottom of his briefcase.

The top priority for relations between Japan and its Western friends in the next decade is that Asia's economic giant should come out of *its diplomatic shell* and play a more important role in world affairs. This will hardly be encouraged if whisky and banks are still the most important issues for Britain and Japan to talk about.

Britain's unfolding role as an international *middleman could* greatly help Japan to increase its role as a principal in world affairs rather than shut itself off in Asia. While Japan's West German contacts have grown faster, Britain remains the natural point of liaison with the European Community; the English language has already made Britain the leading site for Japanese direct investment in Europe.

The special relationship with the United States and Mrs Thatcher's role in Soviet-American disarmament will be of most immediate value. *Mr Takeshita leaves for his* first visit to the United States as Japan's prime minister immediately after Sir Geoffrey's visit, and will welcome a briefing.

Japan and Britain have, in different ways, taken the most useful initiatives in economic co-operation between the leading industrial nations in response to the dollar and stock market shocks. They form a natural alliance to encourage their more recalcitrant partners to co-operate more systematically.

*The two countries* also face similar problems in rethinking conventional defence forces in response to the new superpower accords. Japan starts from a low level, offering great opportunities for co-operation on military production. It would be foolish to hope that Japan will raise its military spending on imported equipment without building up its own defence industry. But the possibility of Japan buying British design technology for an aircraft carrier opens the door to deals on Harriers and ship defence missiles.

Whatever their superficial differences, the two island nations have a greater mutual interest in open trade and in rolling back trade barriers *through the current Gatt negotiating* round. Sir Geoffrey might push the Japanese on agricultural protection – the key to defusing US protectionism – where there is already common ground in proposals to end export subsidies.

Sir Geoffrey should also encourage Japan to play a more significant role in international organizations, where history and language have deterred individual Japanese from playing much of a role at the top level. This requires practical support in opening up the *top jobs cartel.*

It is still less than a year since the Cable & Wireless dispute, now happily resolved, was the fuse for one of the periodic outbreaks of a jingoistic trade war of words in Parliament and popular press. Normally responsible politicians had no qualms about whipping up anti-Japanese feelings.

That has subsided, not least because British exports to Japan are booming. Part of the blame lay in the perception that Japan only makes trade (and also environmental) concessions grudgingly and under threat. That is something which Mr Takeshita will continue to need to change in his new role. But lack of deeper everyday contact is also to blame. Sir Geoffrey seeks to improve political contacts. He should also seek more contacts in other spheres. There is a deplorable dearth of Japanese language teaching in Britain. Fortunately, the 25,000 Japanese working in Britain, are proving excellent ambassadors.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Secrecy as a constitutional issue

*From Lord Scarman*

Sir, Very reluctantly I seek yet again an opportunity through your columns to voice my profound concern as to the state of the law relating to the rights and duties of the press. Deeply conscious that litigation is not only pending but proliferating, I would prefer to remain silent until we have a final judicial ruling from the Lords. But public comment is now essential upon the sole ground that the only solution to the impasse between government and press is immediate legislation.

Whether right or wrong in his decision (which is, of course, subject to appeal), Mr Justice Scott's analysis (Law Report, December 22) of the present predicament of our law is surely correct. After asserting the right of government and press to put forward their respective views as to the law, he said:

> It was open to Parliament, if it wished, to impose guidelines. The United States Congress had done so in two forms of the First Amendment. Parliament had not. So it was for the courts to strike the balance.

And so it is: but the courts are not really the appropriate constitutional organ to strike the balance between freedom of information and national security. Nor is the Government. This is truly the task of Parliament.

If we were not plagued with the panic legislation of 1911, which carries the secrecy of governmental information so far beyond the needs of national security that it has become unenforceable, we would long ago have legislated not by an unconditional assertion of press right (as in the US) but by a carefully-*balanced* protection of freedom of speech and information along the lines of the European Convention on Human Rights, which fully recognises the national security exception.

The confusion and obscurity of our *public law have led* the Government to use (abuse?) the private law protecting confidential information. For heaven's sake, legislate now before our law, our courts, and our reputation as a free country become the laughing-stock of the world.

If it is not too late, I would recommend to the draftsman that he reminds himself of the passage in Blackstone, *Commentaries* (12th ed., vol. iv, pp. 151-3), where the learned author asserts:

> The liberty of the press is indeed essential to the nature of a free state; but this consists in laying no *previous* restraints upon publications, and not in freedom from censure for criminal matter when published.

Yours etc,
SCARMAN,
House of Lords.
January 2.

*From Mr Gordon M. L. Smith*

Sir, Mr Anthony Cavendish claims, possibly with justification, that his defence of the late Sir Maurice Oldfield against attacks on his private life does not constitute a "threat to national security" (report, January 2).

As and when section 2 of the Official Secrets Act is revised the oft-quoted nonsense about the number of teacups in the Ministry of Defence will obviously be cleared up, but at the other end of the spectrum, a more realistic definition must be devised of matters to which the life-long duty of confidentiality is applicable, otherwise the Act will be useless.

It would be impossible to convict even Kim Philby of being a "threat to national security" in peacetime.

Yours faithfully,
GORDON M. L. SMITH,
44 Devonshire Street, W1.

*From Mr Peter Bennett*

Sir, I hope that I am not the only person in this country to be shocked at Sir Robert Armstrong's code of conduct for Civil Servants explained in "Goodbye Lord Burghley"(December 29) . . . "to serve the State, he told his army of officials, you must serve ministers unquestioningly . . . There was no mystic higher authority called the Crown to which Civil Servants could owe allegiance".

*Millions of us have sworn* allegiance to the Crown and are capable of distinguishing between that *non*-mystic authority and the temporary and, in the last resort, qualified authority of ministers.

Yours faithfully,
PETER BENNETT,
7 Chester Way, SE11.

## Artificial division?

*From Sir Jack Jacob, QC*

Sir, The recent applications to the High Court for interlocutory injunctions have highlighted a serious difference between the practice prevailing in the Chancery Division and the Queen's Bench Division.

In the Chancery Division, the practice is for the application to be made by motion to the judge sitting in open court, to which the public and the press are admitted, whereas in the Queen's Bench Division the application is made by summons to the judge in chambers and is heard and determined in private, since the public and the press will be excluded.

Curiously enough, however, if an appeal is launched against the decision of the judge, whether sitting in the Chancery or the Queen's Bench Division, it will be heard by the Court of Appeal sitting in open court and the public and the press will be admitted.

Some would hold, as I do, that the difference between the practices in the two divisions of the High Court as an important area of judicial procedure is indefensible and should be abrogated. It should be replaced by a common practice between the two divisions, under which all applications for an interlocutory injunction, except those made *ex parte*, should be heard and determined in open court, so that the public and the press should be admitted.

Yours faithfully,
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Golders Green, NW11.
January 4.

## Political perspective

*From Lord Glendevon*

Sir, It has been said of a Conservative ex-MP who died recently that he preferred consensus to confrontation in politics. Could we, now that a new year is beginning, get things in perspective?

There is no politician who would not welcome consensus for his views if he could get it. When, as is usual, he does not get it, there has to be confrontation. That is all there is to it, but when Mrs Thatcher sticks to her policies she is labelled by her critics (some of whom should know better) as being determined on confrontation. At the same time an innuendo is spread around that in former days we had a Parliament of consensus.

We never had anything of the sort. I was a Conservative MP from 1945 to 1964 and there was confrontation the whole time (except for a few years in foreign affairs). There is supposed to have been a golden age of consensus under R. A. Butler's influence. There was not.

I believe that all this nonsense has been deliberately developed as a weapon with which to attack the Government, and the Prime Minister in particular.

Yours faithfully,
GLENDEVON,
House of Lords.
January 1.

## Initial reaction

*From Mr R. A. Hiscock*

Sir, Is Geoffrey Smith serious when he states (Commentary, December 22) that the name of the merged Liberal and Social Democratic Party should be the Democratic Union of Liberals and Social Democrats? I know he has a pungent sense of humour, but in these day of acronyms . . .

If the Alliance became known as the Dulsods they would sink without trace!

Yours faithfully,
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Forest Row, East Sussex.

## Carry on kissing

*From Dr John Emslie*

Sir, I was indeed humbled on Boxing Day morn to find myself featured in *The Times* Fourth Leader. Truth is that 10 days earlier, when I answered a telephoned enquiry from a Scottish news agency, a brisk young lady posed her opening question as, "Are there any disease-risks associated with kissing?" Lest this be a mere subterfuge for a more pointed question, e.g., "Do you get Aids by kissing?", I steered the conversation quickly on to the simpler, commoner and usually less hazardous (or so I thought!) topic of infectious mononucleosis.

At no stage did I "announce", or even state, that there are "grave mononucleosis dangers in kissing *under the mistletoe*".

In future I will restrict my media responses to "No comment" and "a spokesman". Meanwhile, is it safe for me to wish all readers a happy and disease-free new year?

Yours faithfully,
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Communicable Diseases (Scotland) Unit,
Ruchill Hospital, Glasgow.
December 27.

## Alive, alive, oh!

*From Miss F.-J. French*

Sir, While working coatless in my Dublin garden the weekend before Christmas, I encountered a swarm of mosquitoes over my head. These soon descended to "devour" me alive.

But worse was to follow; for lurking in some dead and dying leaves was a semi-comatose queen wasp. She clearly resented my disturbing her and stung me four times in the palm of my hand!

Is this a December record for these more usual summer garden hazards?

Yours faithfully,
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Dublin, Republic of Ireland.

## Transplant ethics

*From Dr David Le Vay*

Sir, A great deal of medical effort is currently devoted to preventing young persons from entering this world and old ones from leaving it. To transplant parts of the brains of aborted foetuses into the elderly victims of neurological disease, as you now report (December 31), is a logical extension of such behaviour.

You quote Dr Jonathan Miller as saying in this context: "Moral judgments are not absolute, they are negotiable". This, surely, is the logic of Auschwitz. If you believe that, Sir, you will believe anything.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID LE VAY,
Dewhurst Lodge,
Wadhurst, East Sussex.

## Supply and demand on the land

*From Sir Algernon Rumbold*

Sir, Mr Graham Mather's article, "Putting a price on the land" (December 31), proceeds on the assumption that the high price of dwellings in south-east England is due to planning constraints. Supply and demand are certainly much out of balance, but is this really due to planning?

By 1990 the housing stock in Surrey will be about 400,000. Experience is that about 10 per cent of the stock changes hands each year, so some 40,000 existing dwellings may be expected to come on the market annually.

At the examination in public early in 1987 of the Surrey County Council's proposals for the revision of their structure plan the county suggested provision in the plan for 19,000 new dwellings during the decade of the 1990s. The representatives of the housebuilding industry asked for 30,000. But an average annual increase in supply of even their 3,000, on top of the 40,000 or so likely to come on the market each year in any case during the 1990s, would surely have only a marginal effect on prices; and all district councils in the county said that provision for anything over 19,000 would involve incursion into open country outside urban areas that is important for green belt purposes.

A much more significant factor in the imbalance between supply and demand must be the encouragement given to demand in recent years by the ready availability of mortgage finance.

Yours faithfully,
ALGERNON RUMBOLD,
Shortwoods,
West Clandon, Surrey.
January 1.

*From Mr R. W. G. Smith*

Sir, I am sure that you will not deny a mere conservationist organisation with a special interest in the preservation of an important part of the south-eastern landscape the right to reply to Mr Graham Mather's remarkable article.

It would certainly bring about a *developer's dream if developers* could "buy out land rights at the price of compensating the local community", combined with "a general easing of planning controls as opporturtunity arises", plus "a compensatory system . . . for refusal of consent to development". But what would be lost in terms that cannot be compensated, e.g., open countryside that is not constantly under threat of being blighted by those with a pecuniary interest in development and the knowledge that there will be some long-term stability in the urban and rural balance of the environment?

Distinguished economists may bewail the fact that economic considerations are not the sole criteria in reaching planning decisions, but millions of people are thankful that it is so. Their response *does* not arise solely from a desire "to preserve the value of their assets" but from less materialistic considerations, such as the belief that the preservation of countryside is of value for its own sake.

It is not, as Mr Mather implies, a weakness of the system that it acknowledges such beliefs, but a strength. Otherwise pernicious nonsense such as that outlined in the article might prevail – and to whose real benefit?

Yours faithfully,
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January 2.

## Honours even

*From Mr M. Hennessey*

Sir, In your leading article on December 31 you find that the New Year Honours List contains "too many politicians, Civil Servants and people on the political make".

I have not analysed the knighthoods etc, but a review of the OBEs in the Prime Minister's List might be informative. There are 184 awards in all, of which 16 go to Civil Servants. *Teachers* and university staff get 19 and doctors and people connected with the health service receive 16.

There are then local government (7), police (4), charities (9), voluntary etc associations (7), the courts (5), nationalised industries (3), general "service to the community" (12), individuals, e.g., actresses etc (6).

For "public and/or political services" there are 16 awards and private industry receives 39. There are others which I cannot categorise, but the above groups account for 86 per cent of the list.

The distribution seems to me to be perfectly reasonable considering the way in which society is divided and I can see no reason, in a democracy dependent upon good government and active political parties, why Civil Servants and those who work for parties should not be just as entitled to honours as doctors, businessmen etc.

Yours sincerely,
M. HENNESSEY,
58 Savage Lane,
Dore,
Sheffield, South Yorkshire.
January 4.

## Festive images

*From Viscount Norwich*

Sir, I read recently (though whether in your columns or elsewhere I cannot, alas, remember) that these are difficult times for the writers whose task it is to provide appropriate verses for Christmas cards, there being no longer any demand for their compositions.

Our own experience certainly bears this out: of the 223 cards received in this household during the recent festive season, not one has contained a verse. I have, however, amused myself by making an analysis of the subjects favoured, with the following results:

Reproductions of works of art, quite unconnected with Christmas, 50.
Religious: Three Kings, 12; Nativity, 11; Virgin and child, 9; angels, 4; miscellaneous, 11. Total, 47.
Christmas symbols: Christmas tree, 10; holly and/or mistletoe, 8; partridge in pear tree, 5; robin, 5; Father Christmas, 3; reindeer, 3; Christmas pudding, 1. Total, 35.
Winter scenes, 30; birds and animals (including four doves), 17; commercial, 9; photographs of family, 8; non-religious celebrations (fireworks, etc), 8; regimental and club, 8; humour, 6; printed message, unillustrated, 5.

I am not sure what conclusions we are to draw from all this, but it may at least provide a useful yardstick against which to compare *similar analyses in future* years.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN JULIUS NORWICH,
24 Blomfield Road, W9.
January 3.

## ON THIS DAY

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*Peter Fleming, explorer and author (1907-1971), had for many years a close connection with* The Times. *Not the least of his accomplishments was his ability to produce urbane and amusing Fourth Leaders, models of their kind*

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### On with the Motley!

To masquerade is in our language a verb with equivocal connotations; it suggests a slightly frivolous and definitely unsuccessful imposture. The truth of the matter is that as a nation we do not really approve of what – with a characteristic *note of disdain – we call fancy* dress. It is all very well for foreigners to go capering about in dominoes; they like that sort of thing. We do not. At the cry of "On with the motley!" the average Englishman's blood runs cold. He asks himself, if he is a thoughtful fellow, how it is that this canker has never been eradicated from our social life. Perhaps Britannia, perched on a rock in that ridiculous get-up, or John Bull, with his frightful waistcoat, have somehow sanctified the addiction to dressing up of a small but active section of the population. Whatever the cause, fancy dress remains, if not a British institution, a sort of minor epidemic which is constantly breaking out and from which only a *few* hardy islanders have achieved complete immunity.

The ladies, though they often complain bitterly, are generally thought to suffer less than the gentlemen by being compelled to dress up, since this is an activity to which, in a modified form, they devote most of their lives anyhow. Besides, they do not have to park the car, a duty of which gentlemen should never be unmindful in selecting their costume; nothing is more calculated to impair self-confidence than to walk along a rain-swept public thoroughfare in the character of an Ancient Briton. Some gentlemen, traitors to their sex, throw themselves with enthusiasm into the business of dressing up. Their aim is generally either to impress or to divert, and it may in general be said that a reveller who pursues the latter object and comes as the Spirit of Austerity or the Abominable Snowman is regarded with more tolerance *than the exquisite in a peruque* and patches.

The great ruck of malcontents aim chiefly at comfort of mind and body. The latter is best achieved by a purely perfunctory disguise, but for the sake of the former it must not be too perfunctory; nothing, when the time comes, is more boring than constantly having to answer the question "What are you supposed to be?" Among points unlikely to be overlooked by the experienced masquerader are the importance of pockets, the folly of wigs, and the undesirability of wearing any form of helmet. Costumes depending for their effect on cumbrous accessories should be avoided; to set out for the ball burdened with a lifebelt, a stuffed goshawk, a scythe, a croquet mallet, or a rickshaw is only less ill advised than to allow your partner to equip herself with (and eventually ask you to take charge of) a shepherdess's crook, a tambourine, a wheatsheaf, a butterfly net, or a basket of imitation fruit. These caveats indicate only a few of the perils and inconveniences of masquerade, and it is easy to understand why most decent Englishmen *infinitely prefer putting* on a scarlet coat, black trouser, and a stiff white shirt for the Hunt ball to donning some garish and uncomfortable outfit and going to a fancy dress dance.

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# COURT AND SOCIAL

## COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
January 6: Today being the Feast of Epiphany a Sung Eucharist was held in The Chapel Royal, St James's Palace, when the customary offerings of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh were made on behalf of The Queen by Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Julian Paget, Bt, and Group Captain John Slessor (Gentlemen Ushers to Her Majesty).

The Bishop of London (Dean of Her Majesty's Chapels Royal) *was the Celebrant and presented* the Offerings, assisted by the Reverend Canon Anthony Caesar (Sub-Dean of Her Majesty's Chapels Royal) and the Reverend Gordon Watkins (Priest in Ordinary).

The Queen's Body Guard of the Yeomen of the Guard was on duty in the Chapel.

KENSINGTON PALACE
January 6: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, Colonel-in-Chief XVth/XIXth The King's Royal Hussars, today received Brigadier J.R.D. Sharpe on relinquishing his appointment as Colonel of the Regiment, and Lieutenant-Colonel R. Coxwell-Rogers on *assuming this appointment.*

## Birthdays today

Vice-Admiral Sir John Collins, 89; Judge Hazel Counsell, 57; Mr Hunter Davies, author and broadcaster, 52; Mr Gerald Durrell, zoologist and writer, 63; Sir James Harford, former colonial administrator, 89; Sir Maynard Jenour, company chairman, 83; Mr Tom Kieran, rugby player, 49; Sir John Page, former chairman, National Ports Council, 73; Sir Alastair Pilkington, president, Pilkington Brothers, 68; Professor K.W. Sykes, chemist, 67; Lord Taylor of Hadfield, 83; Air Commodore the Hon Sir Peter Vanneck, MEP, former Lord Mayor of London, 66; Mrs Esme Walker, chairman, Scottish Association of Citizens' Advice Bureaux, 56.

## Today's royal engagement

Prince Michael of Kent will open the 1988 Racing Car Show at Olympia at 11.00.

## Memorial service

**Mr and Mrs B. Hailstone**
A service of thanksgiving for the lives of Bernard and Joan Hailstone was held yesterday at St Mary's, Hadlow, Kent. Canon Gerald Lane officiated and read the lesson. Mr Patrick Bousfield read *A Boy in Kent* by Henry Warren and Dr Joan Thirsk gave an address.

## Reception

**English-Speaking Union**
A reception was held yesterday at Dartmouth House to mark the departure of the 1988 British English-Speaking Union scholars to North America. The guests were welcomed by Rear-Admiral Richard Heaslip, Director-General of the ESU, and Mr David Jewell, chairman of the selection committee. Mr David Hicks, deputy director-general, also spoke.

## Latest wills

Professor Thomas Gaskell **Tutin**, FRS, of Knighton, Leicestershire, professor of plant taxonomy at Leicester University 1967-73, left estate valued at £89,163 net.

Mr Claude Jessett, of Hadlow Down, East Sussex, left estate valued at £1,934,385 net. He left the land and equipment forming the Great Bush Railway to found a charitable trust to form a public museum.

Miss Doris Audrey **Butler**, of Oldswinford, West Midlands, headmistress, left estate valued at £750,798 net. She left £250 and some effects to her family and the residue equally between the Royal National Institute for the Blind, Imperial Cancer Research Fund, Methodist Homes for the Aged, RUKBA, Wireless for the Blind Fund and the Interchurch Aid and Refugee Service.

Mr Frank Hayes, of Lower Kingswood, Surrey, left estate valued at £988,051 net.

Mr Herbert Stephen **Harrison**, of Kew, Surrey, left estate valued at £831,267 net.

## Brentwood School

Lent Term begins today. Mrs P.A. Davis has been appointed Head of Girls' Section. The entrance examination for boys and girls will be held on Saturday, January 23. Half-term is from Friday, February 12, to Sunday, February 21. The junior school play, *Oliver Twist*, will be performed in the Memorial Hall on March 17, 18 and 19. Term ends on Friday March 25.

## Bromsgrove School

School convenes at Bromsgrove this week for the Lent Term. The dramatic society will present Berthold Brecht's *Arturo Ui* on January 20 and 21. The house debating final will be held in Routh Hall on February 4. The music society will present *Carmina Burana* in the memorial chapel on March 11. Term ends on March 18. The Bromsgrovian dinner will be held on April 16.

## Rossall School

Lent Term at Rossall School begins today. C.M. Lee will be the school captain. The Bishop of Blackburn will preside at the confirmation service to be held in chapel on Sunday, February 21. The musical *Guys and Dolls* will be produced in Big School on February 19, 20 and 21. The W.H. Budge Memorial Sevens for preparatory schools will be held on Sunday February, 28. The Old Rossallian hockey and netball matches will be played on Saturday, March 12. The chapel choir will depart for their tour of West Germany on March 24. The hockey festival for preparatory schools will begin on March 24.

## Royal Grammar School Guildford

Lent Term begins today and ends on March 25. The Oxford and Cambridge dinner will be on February 20 at St John's College, Cambridge. The choral society will perform Handel's *Messiah* in the Civic Hall on March 10. The school play, *Two Gentlemen of Verona* will be presented on March 17, 18 and 19. The guest of honour at the Old Guildfordians' annual dinner on March 25 will be Mr J.F. Brown, chairman of governors, who retires from the board of governors this term.

## Appointments

Latest appointments include:

**Captain George William McLean**, Coldstream Guards, to be Equerry to the Duke of York from April 4.

**Mr Louis Blom Cooper**, QC, to be Chairman of the Mental Health Act Commission for England and Wales, in succession to Lord Colville of Culross, QC.

**Mr Richard Price**, Executive Director of the Confederation of British Industry, to be a member of the Manpower Services Commission.

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# Army museum's new strategy

**Ian Robertson in reflective mood in the Indian Army section of the National Army Museum, Chelsea, where this week he took over as its new director. Previously Curator of the Passmore Edwards Museum in Stratford, east London, and currently President of the Museums Association, Mr Robertson has been a member of the Territorial Army for many years. Yesterday he talked about plans for bringing the museum to the people. "We must develop our marketing policy, as well as many of our services, such as catering and education. "We do not want to be seen as a collection of old militaria, but of uniforms, paintings, even embroidery." The history of the army, he says, "is a history of the country".**

# Motor cycle safety plan for leg guards comes under fire

### By Roland Rudd

Government proposals to make leg protection mandatory on all motor cycles could seriously backfire on both the motor cyclist and the industry, warned the Motor Cycle Association yesterday.

The Government's Transport and Road Research Laboratory (TRRL) has recommended that motor cycles should be equipped with new protection to combat the appalling number of leg injuries, which account for more than two thirds of all accidents.

The Motor Cycle Association yesterday said if the proposal became law leg injuries would simply be replaced with head injuries, which would not only seriously damage the rider but cause numerous problems for the fledging British motor cycle industry.

Mr David Dixon, a senior MCA spokesman, said a government video tape showed how "crash protectors" saved the legs of a dummy by ejecting it into the air and throwing it on to its head.

"When I pointed out that an injury to the head is normally fatal I was told that secondary accidents were not their concern", said Mr Dixon. "The legs were saved, and as far as the government scientists were concerned that was that."

Mr Tom Waterer, MCA technichal officer, is preparing a confidential paper for the Government which will argue that research by motor manufacturers shows that the new proposal would be cumbersome and dangerous.

Some members of the MCA fear that the Government is "waging war on the industry" because of its high fatality rate.

The Department of Transport yesterday said the Government was considering the "crash protection" as an urgent step to shield the motor cyclist from the dire consequences of leg injuries.

The spokesman pointed out that the department would be failing in its duty if it did not attempt to do something to combat the thousands of motor cycle accidents every year. Motor cyclists are ten times more likely to die in a crash than the occupants of a car; almost one third of the 762 riders killed last year were aged between 17 and 19.

Ministers are not willing to comment further until a decision is made after the consultation period over the TRRL's recommendations closes at the end of the month.

Some officials suspect the present controversy over their proposals has originated out of MCA fears that the proposed regulations would hit motor cycle sales — the vast majority being Japanese — and not because it would lead to more serious injuries.

The main British motor cycle manufacturer, Norton Group, is under government contract to produce research motor cycles with the special "crash protectors".

Mr Philippe Le Roux, managing director, yesterday said: "We believe that road safty is paramount and we will work with all parties to maximize protection. But we cannot comment on the proposal until we see the full results of the research".

# Cathedral at risk of collapsing

Restoration work costing £10 million must be carried out to prevent Worcester Cathedral collapsing.

Architects estimate that if the project does not go ahead, the cathedral's 196 ft tower, built 700 years ago, would collapse inwards within a few years.

Urgent repair work is needed on crumbling Victorian stonework, added during the last major restoration, more than 100 years ago. Stonework on several main interior pillars and some of the roof timbers need attention.

The cathedral authorities plan to launch a nationwide appeal later this year to raise at least £4 million, which would be invested to generate income for repairs over the next 15 years.

Yesterday, the Dean of Worcester, the Very Rev Robert Jeffery, said: "The problem has partly been caused by metal cramps put in during the 18th and 19th centuries which are now rusting, expanding and cracking the stone."

## Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Millard Fillmore, 13th president of the USA 1850-53, Locke, New York, 1800; St Bernadette, Lourdes, 1844; Charles Pèguy, poet, Orleans, 1873; François Poulenc, composer, Paris, 1899.

DEATHS: Catherine of Aragon, first wife of Henry VIII, Kimbolton Castle, Huntingdonshire, 1536; Nicholas Hillyarde, miniaturist, London, 1619; *François de la Motte*, Fénelon, theologian, Cambrai, France, 1715; Sir Thomas Lawrence, portrait painter, London, 1730; Allan Ramsay, poet, Edinburgh, 1758.

The first air crossing of the English Channel — by Blanchard and Jeffries in a hot-air balloon, 1785.

## Church news

The Very Rev Robert Jeffery, Dean of Worcester, has been elected to the Lower House of the Convocation of Canterbury and to the House of Clergy, in succession to the Very Rev Alan Webster, KCVO, who has retired.

**Church in Wales**
The Rev Paul Hugh Varah, priest in charge of Ewloe in the rectorial parish of Hawarden, diocese of St Asaph, to be Vicar in the same benefice.

The Rev Stephen Cawley, assistant curate of St Paul's Church, Tranmere, diocese of Chester, to be Vicar in the rectorial parish of Hawarden, diocese of St Asaph.

## Dinner

**Pattenmakers' Company**
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, were present at the annual livery dinner of the Pattenmakers' Company held last night at the Mansion House. Mr W.R.F. Chamberlain, Master, presided, assisted by Judge Verney, Upper Warden, Mr G.W. Marshall, Renter Warden, and Mr P.T. Hammersley, Warden to the *Trade*. The other speakers were Sir Edwin Nixon, the Upper Warden and the Warden to the Trade who presented a pair of pattens to the Lord Mayor. The other guests included:

Admiral Sir Desmond Cassidi, Sir Basil Hall, Mr Raman Subba Row, Mr A C Smith, the Dean, Collector and Clerk of the Incorporation of Cordiners in Glasgow and their ladies and the Masters of the Distillers' and Fanmakers' Companies.

## University news

**Cambridge**
The Bishop of Coventry, the Right Rev Simon Barrington-Ward, has been elected into honorary fellowship of Magdalene College.

Mr Derek Jacobi, Professor Robert Kemsley Orr and Professor Roger Penrose, FRS, have been elected into honorary fellowship of St John's College.

**Bath**
Dr P.J. Leonard has been appointed a lecturer in the department of electrical engineering.

Grants

Science and Engineering Research Council/Shell Research Ltd: £84.360 to Dr D J Osguthorpe, Dr G C Lunt and Dr S E Reynolds to study molecular modelling of nicotinic acetylcholine receptors.

Wellcome Foundation: £75.924 to Professor P D J Weitzman for a Wellcome lectureship in genetic engineering.

# Forthcoming marriages

**Mr R.C. Freeman
and the Hon M.F. Broughton**
The engagement is announced between Robin, younger son of Dr and Mrs Brian Freeman, of Widcombe Hill, Bath, and Melanie, younger daughter of Lord and Lady Fairhaven, of Anglesey Abbey, Cambridge.

**Major J.D. Jonklaas
and Miss C.M.G. Langley**
The engagement is announced between James Jonklaas, The Queen's Regiment, son of the late Mr D.Y. Jonklaas and of Mrs S.J. Jonklaas, of Sharnbrook, Bedfordshire, and Charlotte, daughter of Major-General Sir Desmond and Lady Langley, of Apecroft Mill, Milland, Liphook, Hampshire.

**Mr C.D. West-Russell
and Miss C.C. Baker**
The engagement is announced between Christopher, only son of Judge Sir David and Lady West-Russell, of St John's Wood, London, and Catherine, eldest daughter of Dr and Mrs Peter Baker, of Cape Town, South Africa.

**Mr J.D. Abell
and Miss J. Fennell**
The engagement is announced between David, son of the late Mr and Mrs L. Abell, of Manchester, and Juliana, daughter of Professor and Mrs J.L.I. Fennell, of Oxford.

**Mr R.W.T. Apps
and Miss N.A. Topham**
The engagement is announced between Robin, elder son of Mr and Mrs Michael Apps, of Stoke Bishop, Bristol, and Nicola, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Rex Topham, of Otford, Kent.

**Mr C.J.K. Armitstead
and Juffrouw M.C.M. Sterk**
The engagement is announced between Julian, son of Mr Harry Armitstead and the late Mrs Armitstead, of Lindfield, Sussex, and Margreet, daughter of Deheer and Mevrouw Sterk, of Abcoude, Holland.

**Mr T.M. Bodley Scott
and Miss K.A. Hunter**
The engagement is announced between Thomas, only son of Mr and Mrs Mark Bodley Scott, of Sonning-on-Thames, Berkshire, and Katherine, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Arthur Hunter, of Tanyards Buxted, East Sussex.

**Mr C.R. Boyall
and Miss A.C. Foulds**
The engagement is announced between Charles, elder son of Commander and Mrs A.J. Boyall, of Petersfield, Hampshire, and Angela, younger daughter of the late Mr J.A. Foulds and Mrs C.J. Foulds, of Hightown, Liverpool.

**Mr C.J. Brown
and Miss M.M. Schueppert**
The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Dr and Mrs C.J. Brown, of St Paul, Minnesota, and Margaret, daughter of Mr and Mrs Clancy Schueppert, of Seal, Kent.

**Mr A.J. Carnes
and Miss J.P.A. Carpenter**
The engagement is announced between Andrew, elder son of Mr and Mrs Martin Carnes, of Surbiton, Surrey, and Jane, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Noel Carpenter, of Wallington, Surrey.

**Mr R.J. Clark
and Miss E.E. Stein**
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs John Clark, of Bapton, Wiltshire, and Emily, daughter of Mr and Mrs Alastair Stein, of Doune, Perthshire.

**Mr A.T. Coney
and Miss L.A. Riding**
The engagement is announced between Andrew Thomas, eldest son of the Rev Christopher and Mrs Coney, of Enborne, Newbury, Berkshire, and Lindsay Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan Riding, of Huntroyd, Padiham, Lancashire.

**Mr G.J. Dando
and Miss C.M. Harrison-Barbet**
The engagement is announced between Gavin, son of Mr and Mrs John Dando, of South Stoke, Oxfordshire, and Cliona, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs Anthony Harrison-Barbet, of Chichester and Ballynacarriga, Republic of Ireland.

**Mr J. Farino
and Miss C.M. Thomas**
The engagement is announced between Julian, younger son of Mr and Mrs D. Farino, of Croydon, and Caroline (Tiggy), elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J.B.W. Thomas, of Haileybury.

**Mr R.G. Gordon
and Miss A.L. Marsden**
The engagement is announced between Richard, elder son of Mr and Mrs A. Gordon, of Solihull, and Anna Lise, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs M. Marsden, of Laleham, Middlesex.

**Mr M.D. Haynes
and Miss T.J.P. Elder**
The engagement is announced between Michael, younger son of Mrs E.M. Hemmings, of Banbury, Oxfordshire, and Tessa, elder daughter of Mrs L.J. Elder, of Wittersham, Kent.

**Mr C.R. Heber Percy
and Mrs A. Francis**
The engagement is announced between Riff, son of Lieutenant-Colonel Cyril Heber Percy, of Ibstone, Buckinghamshire, and Mrs Diana Heber Percy, of Maugersbury, Gloucestershire, and stepson of Mrs Pamela Heber Percy, and Ann, daughter of the late John Douglas Rowley and Mrs Vera Rowley, of Bristol, Avon.

**Mr R.M.C. Horan
and Miss F.M.B. Irven**
The engagement is announced between Robert McDonald Cymbert, son of Mr and Mrs R.J.C. Horan, of Adderbury, Oxfordshire, and Fiona Mary Brigid, daughter of Major and Mrs C.N.L. Irven, of Larkhill, Wiltshire.

**Mr R.D. Iggulden
and Miss A.M. Bisgood**
The engagement is announced between Richard, only son of the late Douglas Iggulden and of Mrs Iggulden, of Charleville, Newtownards, Co Down, and Alessandra, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Bisgood, of Bushy Park House, Enniskerry, Co Wicklow.

**Mr D.J. McLeavy Hill
and Miss S.N. Jarrold**
The engagement is announced between David, son of the late Dr John McLeavy Hill and Mrs Margaret Hill, of Long Stratton, Norfolk, and Susan, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Jarrold, of Stoke Holy Cross, Norwich.

**Mr C. Nodder
and Dr E. Jory**
The engagement is announced between Charles, son of Mr T. Nodder, of Belfast, and Mrs S. Nodder, of Alfriston, Sussex, and Elisabeth, daughter of Dr and Mrs H.I. Jory, of Tewin.

**Mr D. O'Neill
and Miss E. Folkestad**
The engagement is announced between Dennis, son of the late Dr W.P. O'Neill and of Mrs E.A. O'Neill, and Ellen, daughter of Mr and Mrs Hans Einar Folkestad, of Tromoy, Norway.

**Mr J. Osborne
and Miss S.J. Higham**
The engagement is announced between Julian, son of Mrs J. Osborne, of Worthing, Sussex and of the late Mr L. Osborne, and Sue, daughter of Mr and Mrs G. Higham, of Abingdon, Oxfordshire.

**Mr J.E.A. Rawicz-Szczerbo
and Miss I.C. Middleton**
The engagement is announced between John, youngest son of Mr and Mrs J. Rawicz-Szczerbo, of Stratton Audley, Oxfordshire, and Isabel, elder daughter of the late Mr Arthur Middleton and Mrs Middleton, of Buxton, Derbyshire.

**Mr R.W. Roberts
and Miss J.E. Bradford**
The engagement is announced between Roland, son of Mr and Mrs C.R. Roberts, of Prestatyn, Clwyd, and Jane, elder daughter of the Rev John and Mrs Bradford, of Solihull, West Midlands.

**Mr T.M. Roe
and Miss L.M.G. Mostyn**
The engagement is announced between Timothy, younger son of Mr and Mrs Michael Roe, of Wykey, Shropshire, and Lindi, daughter of Mr and Mrs Leonard Mostyn, of Wimbledon.

**Mr C.A. de Roeper
and Miss S.J. Lund**
The engagement is announced between Charles, son of the late Major P.J. de Roeper, MC, and Mrs David Martin, of London, SW11, and Sophie Jane, elder daughter of Mr C.M. Lund, of Tunbridge Wells, Kent, and Mrs Christopher Wharton, of Chipstead, near Sevenoaks, Kent.

**Mr D.J.M. Sandison
and Miss S.E. Englehart**
The engagement is announced between David, eldest son of Mr and Mrs I.M.T. Sandison, of Kirriemuir, Angus, and Sophie, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.A. Englehart, of Nutley, Sussex.

**Mr C.D.S. Swinhoe-Standen
and Miss V.E.L. Gilmour**
The engagement is announced between Christopher, elder son of Mr and Mrs D.A. Swinhoe-Standen, of Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire, and Virginia, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Gilmour, of Camberley, Surrey.

**Mr B.H.C. Theobald
and Mrs M. Smith**
The engagement is announced between Bernard Theobald, of Ruddington, Nottingham, and Margaret Smith (née Hunt), of West Bridgford, Nottingham.

**Lieutenant N.J. Underwood, RM
and Miss A. Hobbs**
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs K.H. Underwood, of Chudleigh, Devon, and Ann, daughter of Mr and Mrs H.A. Hobbs, of Feniton, Devon.

**Mr S.J. Waldron
and Miss V.A. Robertson**
The engagement is announced between Stephen James, only son of Mr and Mrs C. Waldron, of Sherborne, Dorset, and Victoria Anne, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs J.C. Robertson, also of Sherborne.

**Mr A.S. Wynn-Williams
and Miss M.M. Murphy**
The engagement is announced between Anthony Stirk, son of Dr and Mrs D.L. Wynn-Williams, of Syston, Leicestershire, and Maeve Mary, daughter of the late Mr D.P. Murphy and Mrs M. Murphy, of Kilfenora, Co Clare, Republic of Ireland.

## Marriages

**The Right Rev G. Reindorp
and Lady Mullens**
The marriage took place very quietly on January 6 in the Queen's Chapel of Guildford Cathedral between Bishop George Reindorp, of Westminster and Lady (Bridget) Mullens, widow of Sir William Mullens, of Bramley, Surrey. The Rev Julian Reindorp and the Rev David Reindorp, sons, officiated. An address was given by the Bishop of Rochester.

The bride was given in marriage by her son, Mr Michael Mullens. Lord Nugent of Guildford was best man.

**Mr J. Neuberger
and Miss S.C. Balcon**
The marriage took place abroad on December 31, between Mr Julian Neuberger and Miss Sarah Clair Balcon. A reception will be held in February.

# OBITUARY

## MR RUPERT RAW

### Fighting for sterling

Mr Rupert Raw, CMG, who died yesterday, at the age of 76, gave valuable service as an adviser to the Governor of the Bank of England (Leslie O'Brien, now Lord O'Brien of Lothbury) when both were having to make strenuous journeys abroad as advocates for sterling, during the crisis which afflicted the currency in the late 1960s.

Born on April 5, 1912, Raw went to Eton, and Brasenose College, Oxford, where he read history. When war came he joined the Supplementary Reserve of the Scots Guards.

After some routine home appointments, he was *dropped* by parachute into Yugoslavia, at the time when the British Government was backing Mihajlović's Četniks as the main resistance party against the German occupier.

Raw and his colleagues, who, by a curious coincidence, numbered in their ranks many who afterwards had distinguished careers in the City, helped local guerrillas sabotage German installations.

It was a chaotic time with differences between the Četniks and Tito's Communist Partisans being completely irreconcilable. When the British Government eventually threw its support behind Tito, Raw, by then suffering with a lung complaint, was brought home.

Soon after the war he was posted to the Allied Control Commission in Berlin, where he worked in administration for some years before joining the Organization for European Economic Co-operation, in Paris, as its Finance Director, in 1952.

In 1955 he went to the Bank of England which was to be the centre of his career. After a period as a non-executive adviser he was Adviser to the Governor from 1962 to 1972.

The latter part of this period saw a continuous sterling crisis, and Raw travelled widely, liaising with central banks in Europe and elsewhere, and trying to persuade their boards to agree to the various support packages which were necessary to keep the currency afloat.

To this end he used the European contacts garnered from his time in Paris — and any others that might turn the scales in sterling's favour, in an international community which was becoming sceptical of Britain's capacity — indeed, will — to pull herself together.

On one occasion, for example, when it was imperative that Australia continue to hold sterling, Raw travelled to Canberra to see the Prime Minister, Mr Gorton, and appealed to him on the strength of their days together at Brasenose.

He also wrote many papers on sterling's role in the international monetary world, and was a familiar advocate of the pound at the meetings of the "Club of Ten", in Basle.

But even in Basle he also found time to relax. A keen swimmer, he once decided to have a go at the Rhine, a fast flowing and icy stream at that point in its descent. But he was swept through the city and fetched up ignominiously on the bank a long way from where he had entered the water. It was a chilly return to his hotel, as well as being something of an embarrassment in a country where such public display of dishevelment is frowned upon by authority.

After retiring from the Bank he was, for a time, on the board of the Italian International Bank, of which he was for three years chairman, and was UK Director of the European Investment Bank from 1973 to 1981.

Raw was a man of great bravery, and bore illness with fortitude.

He leaves his widow, Joan, a son and two daughters.

## BISHOP WILLIAM GILPIN

The Right Rev William (Bill) Gilpin, Suffragan Bishop of Kingston-upon-Thames from 1952 to 1970, died on January 4. He was 85.

His lifelong interest was in church education and the running of the schools. But there was another, and equally abiding, interest: steam trains, which he drove whenever he could.

William Percy Gilpin was born at Birmingham on July 26, 1902, an accountant's son. He was educated at King Edward's, Birmingham, and at Keble College, Oxford, where he graduated, in 1925, with a first in theology. He held his first curacy at Solihull from 1925 to 1928. In 1930, he became chaplain of Chichester Theological College, leaving in 1933 for West Country vicarages at Manaccan and Penzance.

From there he went, in 1944, to the Diocese of Gloucester as director of religious education and training, responsible for educational work and the supervision of ordinands and of the younger clergy. He was also canon missioner to the diocese; and these were his happiest years.

Gilpin then went, in 1952, to the Diocese of Southwark and the suffragan see of Kingston-upon-Thames (as well as having charge, for a time, of the Southwark archdeaconry). He became well acquainted at first hand with the parishes and the clergy.

He was also chairman of the diocesan council of education. It was a hectic time, with the diocese undertaking a large-scale shake-up of its schools. In this task, Gilpin was given his head, and rightly so. The Bishop Gilpin School, in Wimbledon, is named after him.

He could be relied upon to say what he thought, and to be able to support it. His sermons were welcomed both for their clarity of thought and their brevity. He was a dutiful son to his elderly parents who lived with him at his Clapham Common home through much of his time as suffragan.

Bill Gilpin was a keen and knowledgeable steam train buff. He accepted Kingston-upon-Thames, he quipped, because Clapham Junction was just down the road. Whenever duties allowed, he took himself off to Sussex and the Bluebell Railway, for a spell on the footplates; and he was a founder member of the railway's preservation society.

When he eventually retired, in 1970, the parishioners of Richmond presented him with a railway guard's lamp, in excellent condition, and a steam traction pressure gauge. He retired to Shropshire where he joined the Welshpool and Llanfair Light Railway Preservation Company.

Throughout his life, he retained his Anglo-Catholic pattern of personal devotion and sacramental ministry.

He never married.

## MR A. J. HUTCHISON, GC

Mr Albert James Hutchison, the oldest living holder of the George Cross, died at his Dumbartonshire home on January 4. He was 96.

He was born on Gibraltar on September 11, 1891, where his father's Black Watch regiment was at the time stationed. As a boy, he travelled extensively with his father, a colour sergeant, to South Africa and India. But he ended up in Glasgow for his education, and for an apprenticeship as an electrical engineer.

At the outbreak of the First World War Hutchison joined the Highland Light Infantry, and it was as a sergeant in that regiment that he won the Albert Medal (later translated GC), on April 2, 1917.

It was during bombing practice at the Curragh Camp in Ireland. A soldier threw a live grenade and, to his horror, saw it strike the parapet of the trench and drop back at his own feet.

Seized with fear, he immediately froze. With split-second reflexes, Hutchison, seeing what had happened, made for the grenade, knowing that he had five seconds before it exploded.

Three seconds had ticked by before he managed to shove his terrified colleague to one side, snatch the grenade, and toss it over the parapet, where it immediately exploded.

After the war Hutchison worked for over thirty years with the Yorkshire Electricity Board, retiring at the age of 68.

He had a literary bent, and in middle age published a number of one-act plays. He was also something of an amateur actor, and was a leading light in his local Cove and Kilcreggan Dramatic Society.

He gave his medal to the Royal Highland Fusiliers Museum in Glasgow.

His wife died in 1985. He is survived by a daughter.

## MR TERENCE TILLER

*Mr W. Cowley writes:*

My rooms in Jesus were next to Terence Tiller's (obituary, January 5). Long evenings discussing poetry, or reading his verses while he played Chopin, are still a warm memory. He was the only man I ever met who fulfilled my idea of "genius"

## EDWARD KLEBAN

Edward Kleban, who wrote the lyrics for the stage show, *A Chorus Line*, died in New York on December 28. He was 48.

In the loud acclaim which *A Chorus Line* attracted, many felt that its lyricist was, in spite of the Pulitzer Prize he won, somewhat overlooked in favour of the creators of the show's more glamorous departments — choreography and music.

Yet the lyrics were remarkable for their wry (and occasionally bawdy) humour, and were an integral part of the show's runaway success, especially in New York, where it is now in its thirteenth year.

Kleban never repeated the kind of thing he achieved with *A Chorus Line*, though he wrote material for cabaret and television, as well as trying his hand as a composing.

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# THE ARTS

## Election almost lost for words

**How would a senior advertising executive react if her son ran away from school because another boy accused his father of running off with the au pair?**

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**In *Campaign* (BBC2) last night, a new six-part serial starring Penny Dowie as the stressed creative director, our heroine unbelievably chose the former course.**

**This was the only false move in a drama which otherwise portrayed the world of advertising with wit and panache; here were all the truisms of agency life — the adultery, the back-stabbing, the pressure, the sweat, the chauvinism, the gossiping secretaries, and the pot plants on Perrier while the executives drank vodka.**

**One strand in a satisfyingly dense plot was the presentation to the hypothetical government of the day for their re-election campaign, but the series was not seriously concerned with political insight. Its aim was to be a sound, glossy, small-scale popular drama of a kind which has become rare, and on its opening form it looked extremely promising.**

### TELEVISION

***Hannay*** **(ITV), Thames's new six-parter extrapolated from John Buchan's tales, made a less successful start despite lavish period settings and the presence of Robert Powell in the title role. The writer, Michael Robson, is also a veteran of the last cinema remake of *The Thirty Nine Steps*, and made a fine job of spinning a yarn in the Buchan style.**

**"Be so good as to raise your hands!", snapped one of the cool cards pitted against the cabal of traitors and foreigners who were trying to undermine Great Britain in 1912. "What do you know of St Margaret's Hope?", demanded a sinister interrogator who had Hannay bound hand and foot in a rat-infested dungeon. "Nothing, I'm a Presbyterian!", protested our hero.**

**Such lines demand an exuberant sense of style, in which the director seemed to fail both the cast and the script.**

**The British disease in television produces an atrophied dramatic sense and here the accelerating pace essential to an action adventure was missing. With time, the confidence to overcome these limitations may well develop.**

**Celia Brayfield**

## A step up the ladder

The Scottish Ballet, which has been searching for a new artistic director for more than a year, has decided not to fill the post. Instead, the company's ballerina, Elaine McDonald, has been named artistic co-ordinator, with special responsibility for coaching and developing the dancers and for planning the repertoire.

The company's newly appointed chief executive, Peter Kyle, announcing this, added that guest directors and choreographers from Britain and abroad will be invited to work with the company for particular seasons. In that way, he hopes, Scottish Ballet will continue to enjoy, as it did under Peter Darrell's leadership, both *stability* and *openness* to experiment.

The arrangement will inevitably be seen as a compromise, but it has the enthusiastic support of the dancers.

**John Percival**

Woodland adventure: Reinette (Joëlle Miquel), a romantic chatterbox, and Mirabelle (Jessica Forde), a knowing Parisienne, repair a puncture

Boyish charms: Sonny Wisecarver (Patrick Dempsey) has a liking for older women such as Francine (Beverly D'Angelo) in *The Woo Woo Kid*

Touching moment: Spyros (Marcello Mastroianni), an old wanderer, is taunted by a young vagrant girl (Nadia Mourouzi) in *The Beekeeper*

# Age of innocence and of seduction

**Four Adventures of Reinette and Mirabelle (U)**
Chelsea, Renoir

**The Beekeeper (18)**
Renoir

**The Woo Woo Kid (PG)**
Prince Charles, Cannons Chelsea, Baker Street

**The Stepfather (18)**
Cannons Haymarket, Tottenham Court Road

**Near Dark (18)**
Cannons Oxford Street, Panton Street

**The strike (15)**
*and*
**The Yob (15)**
Scala

Eric Rohmer is one of the most relaxed and personal of film makers. He works with modest resources, a tiny crew, the slightest of stories, improvised dialogue, and unashamed delight in late adolescent girls — their clothes, complexions, affections, affectations, tears and chatter, their alternating silliness and solemnity.

**The Four Adventures of Reinette and Mirabelle** — Reinette (Joëlle Miquel) a romantic, strait-laced country chatterbox, her friend Mirabelle (Jessica Forde) a more knowing Parisienne — could be subjects for children's television. Mirabelle visits the country and Reinette arrives in town; there is a run-in with a rude waiter; encounters with beggars, a kleptomaniac and a lady hustler; and a successful attempt to sell one of Reinette's naïve paintings to a garrulous gallery owner.

The stories are told with visual elegance and comic-strip clarity; and between times Reinette and Mirabelle settle into wordy if not very profound moral debates on the significance of the things that happen to them. It all feels slight enough to blow away, but the charm and humour, along with Rohmer's pure pleasure in these funny little girls, keep it going.

Light and slight are not the words for **The Beekeeper**, in which Greece's most prominent film maker, Theo Angelopoulos, abandons his epic politico-historical allegories for a personal story of a man facing old age, solitude amd the memory of failure. "For my generation," Angelopoulos explains, ominously, "there is a sadness, a disenchantment which one cannot but express."

Spyros (Marcello Mastroianni, voiced in Greek) is 55, and has abandoned a career as schoolmaster to follow his parental calling of beekeeper. His wife, daughters and son have all withdrawn from him; and he sets out alone across Northern Greece to check his far-flung apiarian empire.

It turns (predictably) into a voyage of despairing self-discovery. He makes brief contact with the people and places of his earlier days, and is dogged by a vagrant girl who appears alternately to taunt and to seduce him. While he is haunted by the past, the girl (who calls him Mr I-Remember) has no memories. His uncomfortable efforts at a closer relationship with her seem both an attempt to recreate the lost family connections and a yearning for links with the future rather than the past.

Characteristically, it is beautifully crafted, with virtuoso cinematography by Giorgos Arvanitis; but there is always a sense of scenes set up for the sake of their effect, of more style than substance in the heavy-going odyssey of the ever-admirable Mastroianni. The road film is a genre that often lures even the best directors into maudlin self-indulgence.

**The Woo Woo Kid** is a curious, likeable piece of period nostalgia, based on a news sensation of 1944. With the sales of war news flagging, the American Press seized on the story of a 14-year-old Californian boy who had eloped with a woman much older than himself. The courts were baffled but vindictive — even more so when the child went off and did it again, this time with the wife of a serving soldier.

The precocious Sonny Wisecarver became an overnight sensation and the darling of the bobby-soxers. His parents refused MGM's offer on the film rights. Forty years on, the charm of the anecdote lies in the costumes, the music and the archaic morality (who would raise an eyebrown today at a teen seducer?)

It is written and directed by Phil Alden Robinson, who makes Sonny a shade too smart for belief, and resorts too freely to a voice-over commentary in the Woody Allen style. This is offset by the appealing fresh comedy of Patrick Dempsey as Sonny. His ladies, too, are very nicely characterized, in contrasting styles of charm, by Talia Balsam and Beverly D'Angelo, while Michael Constantine and Bette Jinett are at once comic and touching as Sonny's puzzled parents.

Sonny, now a 58-year-old divorcé and proprietor of a small telephone repair company, is in London to help promote the film. He retains an amiable frankness and modesty, and enough good looks to account for his way with women in the far-off Forties.

**The Stepfather** is a thriller with a novel element of subversion: the killer so fervently reveres the traditional Republican values of home and family that he is driven to slay his loved ones when they seem to betray his own high standards. Having chopped up one Norman Rockwell household, he moves on to another sunny suburb to assume a fresh personality and find a new happy family.

The central conflict is a cat-and-mouse play between the protagonist (Terry O'Quinn) and his stepdaughter (Jill Schoelen) who senses something sinister and plays detective. This part of the story is tidily plotted, but unprofitably complicated by a holey sub-plot involving the parallel hunt by a former brother-in-law. The director was Joseph Rubin, an evident admirer of Hitchcock, who might have appreciated the setting of sick psychology and bloody slaughter in such an idyllic world of leafy suburbs.

**Near Dark** is the first feature film of Kathryn Bigelow, whose visual sense deserves a better script. Here she is working with a scenario which she co-authored with Eric Red, about vampires marauding in the farmlands of Oklahoma in the guise of mobile hippies., A hapless farm-lad (Adrian Pasdar) falls for a beautiful bloodsucker (Jenny Wright). The ill effects of a love-bite are only cured by the skills of his old dad who, being a vet, does blood transfusions in the old barn.

The script provides a lot of chases but no development of character or ideas. Bigelow, however, delights in striking images — desert dust against the red sun; Jenny Wright's strange, lovely face; even special effects confections of vampires destroyed by spontaneous combustion when exposed to the sun. She is no doubt a director to watch.

The Comic Strip persist in turning out short films, and are getting a bit better with practice. **The Strike** (written and directed by Peter Richardson and Pete Richens) succeeds by conscientiously sticking to its comic premise, about what happens when a glum British regional writer sells a script about the miners' strike to a Hollywood producer.

Hollywood naturally casts Al Pacino as a broody Arthur Scargill, Meryl Streep as his missus and a lisping Californian moppet as their child who provides the pathos by falling down a mine and breaking her legs. The climax is Arthur's *eleventh-hour motorbike dash to* Westminster to bring tears to the eyes of the silk-hatted MPs. With its echoes of *Mrs Miniver*, *How Green Was My Valley* and *Mr Smith Goes to Washington*, it wittily guys Hollywood views of Britain, of politics and of sentiment.

**The Yob** reverts to Comic Strip's frenetic, all-over-the-place style with a parody of *The Fly*, in which a camp director of pop promos changes personalities with a thorough-going yob. Intermittently funny about the pretensions of the pop world and the nastiness of yobs, it was written by Keith Allen and Daniel Peacock and directed by Ian Emes.

**David Robinson**

# Great days of wine and poses

**Bruce Boucher**
reports from Milan
on a splendid
exhibition of 18th
century Italian
*paintings gathered*
from priceless
private collections

The Italian Fund for the Environment (FAI) has mounted a splendid exhibition dedicated to 18th-century Italian landscapes from Italian private collections — first in Venice and now in Milan

Such an exhibition is novel in Italy, but its purpose highlights FAI's role as an intermediary between the public and private ownership of Italy's cultural and natural heritage.

Founded a little more than a decade ago, FAI is dedicated to the preservation of the Italian landscape, buildings and works of art deemed uniquely important parts of the national patrimony. It has launched the present exhibition to draw attention to its work and to the wealth of artworks that still remain in private hands in Italy.

The exhibition will be doubly evocative for British visitors, partly because of the nature of FAI's work, patterned on the National Trust, and partly because of the rich associations found in the canvases on view.

The 18th-century was the age of the Grand Tour and marked the apotheosis of the Italian *vedute*, painted for *milordi* to carry back to their ancestral halls. Since then, these works have found their way into collections around the world and can be seen as part of an international inheritance; in addition, they are often poignant reminders of buildings and landscapes no longer extant.

The exhibitions began last September in Venice, one of the great centres for *vedute*. It has now reopened in the neoclassical state of Milan's Palazzo Reale, just opposite the cathedral on the Piazza del Duomo. The 67 paintings have been arranged chronologically and thematically, focusing on the major protagonists and major centres of landscape painting in Italy.

Capturing the flavour of old Italy: Francesco Guardi's Venetian scene of figures watching life go by on the Grand Canal

The show begins with the Dutch-born Gaspar van Wittel, the father of 18th-century Italian topographical paintings. His studies of the Roman Forum and Tiber combine straight topographic elements with others more strictly related to Dutch genre, thereby creating a new kind of landscape whose impact was felt even by Piranesi.

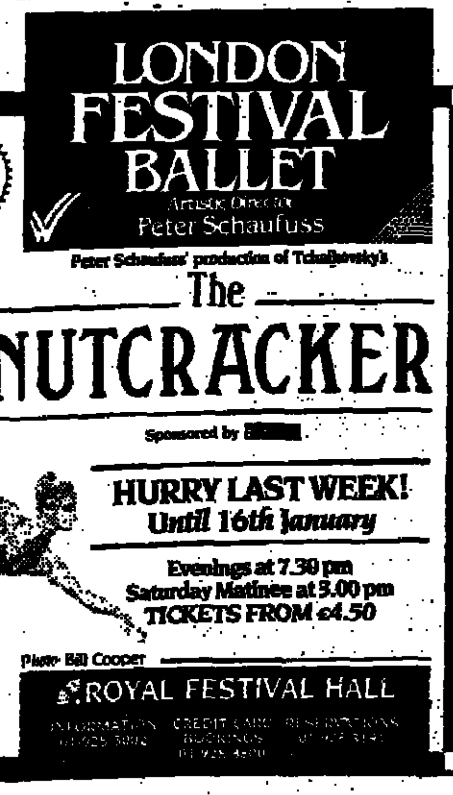
Van Wittel travelled to other Italian capitals, and his "View of the Giudecca and Punta della Dogona" on show here displays a definite awareness of Venice's picturesque qualities a decade before Canaletto.

The inexhaustible variety of Venice is amply represented with works by Carlevarijs, Canaletto and Guardi. There are charming scenes of Carnival and trade in the Piazza San Marco by the first of the great *vedustisti*, Carlevarijs, as well as a hitherto unpublished caprice by his contemporary, Marco Ricci.

*Carlevarijs is said to have* died heartbroken by the success of his younger rival, *Canaletto. His genius* lay in reconstructing reality without compromising his creative *faculties*, *widening* or contracting his perspective in order to achieve an effect.

This can be appreciated in scenes like the "Bullfight in Piazza San Marco" or the "Reception of Count Bolagnos", where attention is shifted from the *cortège* to the panorama.

Such caprices were dear to 18th-century connoisseurs while the wispier style of Francesco Guardi is more attuned to modern tastes. He is well represented in the exhibition with characteristic scenes of figures pirouetting in the Piazza or watching life go by on the Grand Canal. Guardi's and Venice's great set-pieces are represented by an exceptionally handsome pair of canvases illustrating *the* Republic's flotilla on Ascension Day.



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# Flight of the bald eagle

### THEATRE

**American Eagle**
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Declared unfit for Uncle *Sam's army*, the weedy *Bobby* Brown is hauled off to a secret Pentagon laboratory whence he emerges in gleaming tights and hulking shoulder-pads as the American eagle — a super-hero before whom the Wehrmacht quails: at least within the pages of *Miracle Comics*.

Such is the opening of this immensely accomplished collective piece (reaching London from the Edinburgh fringe) which goes on to show *the* eagle's *not-so-glorious* progress through 40 postwar years of American history.

Doing battle with Scarlet Claw (his Nazi opposite number) is one thing; but what about Vietnam, the Watergate break-in, and Arab hijackers equipped with American weapons?

You get to feel very sorry for the eagle trying to keep up his reputation as "democracy's ultimate weapon" in situations where the simple answers of POW! and ZAP! no longer apply.

*American Eagle* charts the *decline* of Frontier heroics through an account of how strip-cartoons have developed from the lurid *comic mags of* the Forties to the graphic novel.

I think the company have taken too much on board by combining the education of their hero with the infighting among his creators; so that, for much of the time, you do not know from whose viewpoint the story is being told.

Its style, however, is breathtaking. The troupe of five (headed by Martin Lewis's *rubber-jointed eagle*) are former students of John Hodgson's Bretton Hall drama.

They have extended his Laban-based improvisation techniques into marvellous high-precision pantomime in which they flash between thumbnail political caricature, car-chases, slide-shows of Nicaraguan Contras, or form up into a typewriter with Sarah Hasnip performing energetic carriage returns.

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# More than a pain in the back

## What are the chances of a cure for the 70 per cent of us likely to suffer back problems? Liz Gill investigates

Paula Youens

Backache is the price we pay for being human. Man is not the only creature to walk on two legs, but from toddlerhood onward, his spine must carry its burden upright for the rest of his life.

And the price can be high. Various estimates have put working days lost because of back trouble at anything between 19 million and 31 million a year. Five years ago, an Office of Health Economics survey put the cost to the NHS at £156 million. Mrs Nora King, an information officer for the Back Pain Association, says: "It has been calculated that if you add everything up — lost production, sick pay, treatment and so on — the total could be as high as a billion pounds."

About 2.2 million people a year see a doctor about a back problem. Yet although it is a common complaint, many sufferers feel extremely isolated. "They may feel they're not being taken seriously because it's not an illness that shows," King says. "But it can affect one's life so drastically, especially if one is in constant pain. Life is very restricted and people get very depressed and can become obsessive."

Chronic back pain may cause emotional problems, but despite the frequency of the trouble its causes are still baffling.

Michael Sullivan, consultant surgeon at the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital, who runs a problem back clinic, believes that 70 per cent of the working population will suffer from back pain at some time. He also believes that only about 15 per cent of cases lend themselves to a clear-cut diagnosis. "I mean in the strict scientific sense of being able to say 'You have X, and if we do Y and Z you will get better'. In many cases you can go to 10 different doctors and get 10 different diagnoses."

The majority of back problems are mechanical: wear and tear, small fractures, over-stretched muscles, and prolapsed discs (slipped is a misnomer). These may be caused by sporting injuries, ageing, accidents, awkward lifting and carrying, and other strenuous and unusual movement.

Inflammation may set in as the legacy of such an injury, or independently, or as part of another illness such as infection or general joint weakness.

Surgery is only rarely indicated, perhaps for one in 2,500 cases, and then only for very specific conditions such as certain fractures, removal of the disc, or enlargement of a narrowed spinal canal.

"Surgery in other cases would be a sledgehammer to crack a nut," Sullivan says. "The good news is that most people will get better anyway in six weeks. Time is what makes people better. In the meantime, rest and pain relief."

It is when time does not prove the great healer that sufferers are frequently drawn to complementary medicine. Because so much is still unknown about backache, seeking help in physiotherapy, osteopathy, chiropractic, the Alexander Technique, homeopathy, acupuncture, even faith healing, seems a reasonable alternative.

### 'Men seem to have more backache but it doesn't last'

The BPA keeps an open mind about all such methods. "Some people have definitely been helped," King says. "We are happy to consider anything that can be of benefit. We advise that people go to bona fide practitioners."

Professor Malcolm Jayson, head of the Rheumatic Diseases Centre at Manchester's Hope Hospital uses acupuncture to relieve pain. "It doesn't cure the problem, but it does seem to block the pain response." Where pain seems intractable, he will work with a clinical psychologist to teach the patient how best to cope.

Genuine sufferers have always been bedevilled by the fact that a "bad back" is the classic malingerer's complaint.

"If you tell me you have a bad back I can't call you a liar," Sullivan says. "You can X-ray someone and find they have a horrendous back, but they feel fine. Conversely, someone can appear to have a normal spine and be in dreadful pain."

He believes shamming is extremely rare. "But you do have the massive problem of people becoming totally fixated on their pain pattern. They get locked into it. Look at Florence Nightingale, who came back from the Crimea and retired to bed with a bad back virtually for the rest of her days."

He sees about 2,500 patients a year, more women than men. "Men seem to have more backache but it doesn't last. Whereas women seem to have more chronic problems; but we don't know why this should be so."

Where no obvious cause can be found, some argue that muscular tension may be the cause. Teachers of the Alexander Technique, for instance, believe that we begin to misuse our bodies in terms of balance, posture, and movement at such an early age that bad habits become so deeply ingrained that we are not even aware of them. Based on principles evolved in the last century by a Tasmanian actor, Frederick Alexander, the technique is used to demonstrate ways of "unlearning" such faults.

But Mrs Margaret Farrar, chair of the Teachers Society, says: "We don't claim to be skilled in diagnosis. We always ask people if they've been checked by a doctor. We see ourselves as educators rather than therapists. We try to give a person an *idea* of what something could be like. We have more choice in the ways in which we use ourselves than we think."

### 'Women seem to have more chronic problems'

Dr Robin Pauc, a chiropractor and author of *The Back Book — The Owner's Guide to Spinal Problems*, believes that more attention should be paid to congenital defects like an asymmetrical sacral base (the foundation of the spine), and developmental problems such as one leg being shorter than the other. "These are not always noticeable because the body has compensated and twisted itself in the process."

He also wants to see patients X-rayed standing up, bearing their own weight. "If you think of the spine, the vertebrae, as blocks of wood, with the discs as sponges in between, then if you lie down all the sponges may look the same. It's only where there's pressure that you can see the effects."

He says that new causes of back injury are arising all the time. "Take windsurfing, for example. People try to lug these heavy, waterlogged sails out of the sea from completely the wrong angle. There are also psychological stresses. People get backache after a loss. The business executive is under strain and suddenly his back goes."

Though back problems prompt a wide range of theories, experts in different fields do seem to agree about certain fundamentals. The BPA, which runs 45 self-help groups in the United Kingdom, also devotes much of its efforts to educating people on prevention and alleviation.

Its advice ranges from the best lifting and carrying techniques (for a manual labourer in industry or for a nurse moving a patient), to the best way to weed a garden (kneeling pad or small stool). It advises on back protection in the kitchen (work surfaces of the the right height), in the car (a small cushion where necessary), and in bed (firm but comfortable). It recommends good posture, some exercises, and avoidance of obesity.

Jayson would now add smoking to list of don'ts. His team this week announced encouraging results in the trials of a drug used to dissolve fibrin, a protein which is used to repair tissue but which, if not cleared away by a particular enzyme, can cause scarring and inflammation. Smoking, he suggests, may cause the enzyme defect.

"The drug does not cure, but it has made a marked improvement in some very severe cases. One woman I saw this week used to be incapacitated with pain, but is now back at work part-time. In the last few years, research has advanced considerably, particularly in imaging techniques. Computerized scanning has enabled us to see, in detail, what's happening in a way that ordinary X-rays could not. I'm reasonably optimistic for the future."

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# Our money or their lives?

## Should taxpayers' money be spent on sex change operations? The world's leading clinic, funded by the NHS, is the focus of just such a controversy

The resignation of consultant urologist Grant Williams this week did more than end his two-year campaign to get one of the world's leading sex change clinics closed down; it has also given renewed vigour to the debate about priorities in the Health Service.

Williams argues that while the Gender Identity Clinic at London's Charing Cross hospital takes patients from all over the country and charges them nothing for the operation, people with cancer and other serious diseases, living in the hospital's catchment area, are being turned away because of NHS spending cuts.

Certainly most other countries charge for sex change operations and the cost runs into thousands of pounds. But the NHS funds about 20 per cent of those carried out in Britain and Williams claims that unneccesary surgery is being done at the expense, literally, of necessary surgery.

But is it? Is it unnecessary and is it taking away resources from "conventional" surgery?

Few, if any, surgical procedures attract as much fear, misunderstanding and plain loathing as sex changes. The technique was perfected 40 years ago and the clinic at Charing Cross, now regarded as the best in the world, has existed in some form since the 1930s. But what the operation involves, and the rationale for carrying it out, is little understood.

Psychiatrist Steven Hirsch, a consultant who has been associated with the Charing Cross clinic for 24 years, refutes a major part of the premise put forward by Williams: "It is certainly not true to say that sex change patients are flooding in and taking away beds and resources from other people. Of 5,000 surgical sessions carried out at this hospital last year, just 26 were taken up with sex change operations.

"It is the case that urological services generally at Charing Cross are being cut. When a senior consultant urologist retired last year, he was not replaced. The general feeling was that there were plenty of beds available for this type of surgery at other hospitals in the region.

"At Charing Cross, the waiting list for ordinary urological patients is 12 to 14 weeks, exactly the same as at other hospitals in this area. By contrast, a transsexual would have to wait five years before being recommended for surgery."

Patients are never recommended for "the operation" until they have completed at least two years of continuous psychiatric assessment. From the start, they must agree to live for at least two years as a member of the desired gender, without having any surgery. They must be able to pass as a member of the opposite sex in everyday life — at work, for example.

Those who cannot do this may be refused the operation.

Denzil McNeelance

**Committed: Steven Hirsch, consultant at Charing Cross clinic**

"If after two years they have not met the criteria, they cannot be recommended for surgery," Hirsch says. "As it is, only one in four patients is operated on, and even these would usually have to wait for three years after completing psychiatric evaluation."

At Charing Cross and elsewhere — there are seven other NHS clinics in Britain — three out of four patients are biological men who wish to live as women. Charing Cross has 1,000 people on its books and sees about 150 new patients each year.

There is no question that, from a purely medical point of view, sex change surgery must be considered, as Williams pointed out, completely unnecessary. It is not, of course, possible actually to change your sex: all the operation does is to remove sex organs of the original biological gender, and replace them with a cosmetic, constructed approximation of those of the opposite sex. It cannot change men into women, or women into men.

Transsexuals are not "ill" in the medical sense but they are convinced that, somehow, they have been born into the wrong anatomical body. Interestingly, Hirsch says that "patients are not always happy with the outcome of the surgery aesthetically" — they sometimes quibble about the size and shape of the organs they have been given — but mentally they are happier. Without the operation, transsexuals will often contemplate suicide and many attempt it.

"From the studies carried out so far, gender reassignment surgery has an extremely high success rate, far higher than for any other surgical procedure," Hirsch says. "Two major research papers have shown that the efficacy of such operations is 85 to 90 per cent. After treatment has been completed, the great majority of patients feel happy and well-adjusted. Their emotional problems are often completely resolved by the plastic surgery. It is just the same as patients having operations for protruding ears or misshapen noses."

One study carried out at Charing Cross last year, by psychiatrist Dr Charles Mate-Kole, showed that those who had not undergone surgery but who were still being assessed displayed extremely high levels of neurosis. Those who had completed treatment, however, had extremely low scores in identical tests. And the more time which had elapsed since the operation, the more peaceful, relaxed and "normal" the patients became.

As for the argument about NHS cuts, Hirsch says that the clinic is by no means immune: "It has been cut by more than 50 per cent, owing to a shortage of nurses and operating facilities. It is subject to exactly the same strictures as any other NHS service. We are now applying for separate funding so that the clinic, which currently costs £120,000 a year to run, can function independently."

From a patient's point of view, the operation is wonderfully successful. But many surgeons strongly dislike performing sex change operations because they feel they are mutilating rather than making whole — something that goes against their whole training and vocation.

**Liz Hodgkinson**

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*The author's book,* Body Shock: The Truth About Changing Sex, *is published by Colombus, £5.95.*

**MEDICAL BRIEFING**

# News of nervous systems

**Reports that a tin of Pacific pilchards might have caused the death of a 66-year-old man dismayed shopkeepers, but it was shown at the post mortem that his death was due to meningitis, and not to botulism. Both diseases attack the central nervous system, although in different ways, and both cause vomiting. Botulism normally starts within 36 hours of taking infected food, usually tinned fish or meat products. The toxin produced by the bacillus *Clostridium botulinum* paralyses the nerves leading from the brain stem, so that the patient is unable to focus the eyes, has difficulty in swallowing and talking, and later notices increasing weakness and paralysis of the limbs. The intellect is unimpaired and death, when it occurs, is from respiratory failure. Meningitis is an inflammation of the covering of the brain and spinal cord. Many bacteria cause it, but the continuing outbreak — further cases have been reported from Malvern this week — is due to meningococci. The disease may develop so rapidly in children that waiting for the classic signs to appear can be disastrous. Professor Ronald Illingworth of Sheffield University told *The Times* that his advice to parents is that any child who is poorly for no obvious reason, particularly if associated with headaches, drowsiness, irritability, or vomiting, needs to see a doctor urgently. Meningitis is an infrequent, but very important, possible cause of these symptoms. Although this advice applies to any sick children, it is of special importance if there are known to be other cases in the neighbourhood.**

## This is a cocktail stick-up

What to do with a cocktail stick after the sausage has been eaten is frequently a minor social problem; if there is no handy ashtray it is easy enough for men to put them in their pockets, even though they may prick themselves on them later. It is more difficult for women, and inevitably some are dropped on the floor, where, as they are sharpened at both ends, they can easily penetrate a bare foot or a child's hand. Christopher Rand, an orthopaedic registrar at Lewisham Hospital, describes in the *British Medical Journal* three cases in which discarded cocktail sticks later necessitated surgery. In each case a female patient was speared by a stick, and although they attempted to pull it out, assumed they had done so, and even attended the local casualty for an anti-tetanus booster, the stick had in fact been broken off with a large portion left behind. One of the patients needed surgery within three weeks, the other two had a chronically discharging wound for more than three months before it was realized that the root of the trouble was the retained cocktail stick. Rand suggests that these injuries should be treated as penetrating wounds, and, at the same time as they have their anti-tetanus booster, the patients' wounds should be explored to make certain that the whole stick has been removed.

## Suspect smoke

Council officials in Birmingham are investiging allegations that money allocated by them to encourage trade with the Third World has been used for growing cannabis for subsequent export back to the United Kingdom. They will be interested to read in *The Lancet* that Swedish research workers at the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm have demonstrated a clear statistical link between cannabis smoking and an increased likelihood of developing schizophrenia. There has been a prolonged debate as to whether people with schizophrenia, or those who have a potentially schizophrenic personality, become schizophrenic as a direct result of smoking cannabis, or whether the cannabis smoking was in fact a symptom of their pyschiatric state. In order to resolve the problem, Swedish doctors questioned and examined more than 45,000 army recruits. As a result of their work, they demonstrated a close relationship between cannabis smoking and schizophrenia.

Recruits who had smoked the drug on more than 50 occasions before joining up were six times as likely to develop schizophrenia during the next 15 years. Although many of the recruits who smoked cannabis had neurotic or other personality disorders and it was possible that the drug merely precipitated a breakdown which might have occurred anyhow, there was also a statistical relationship between cannabis smoking and schizophrenia in those recruits who, on joining up, seemed absolutely normal. The Swedish authors stress that cannabis smoking remains an occasional, albeit important, cause of schizophrenia and the great majority of cases have no relationship to drug taking.

**Dr Thomas Stuttaford**

How it was 70 years ago

Country Life came of age the year the Great War ended. The magazine remembers its 21st birthday this week with a special issue devoted to how Country Life saw life in 1918. In a more leisurely age the mixture combined excellence in art and architecture, expertise in agriculture and conservation and that little touch of eccentricity for which Country Life is still famous.

In the 1918 Issue: we trace the history of the houses we featured (Herstmonceux below), we publish Gertrude Jekyll's views on gardening, report on the war front and consider our readers' domestic concerns through their letters and comments.
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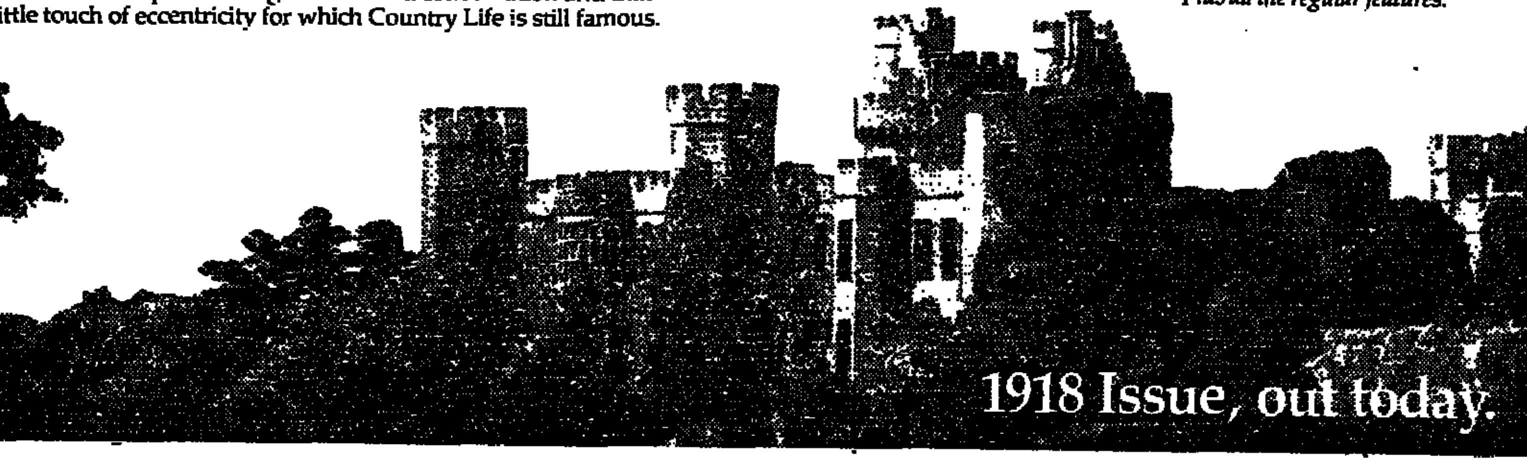

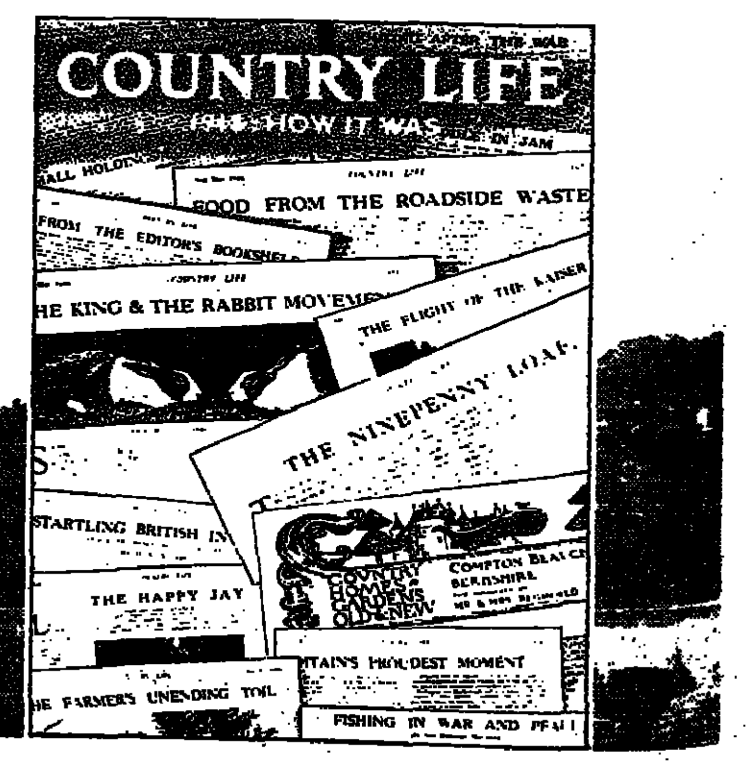
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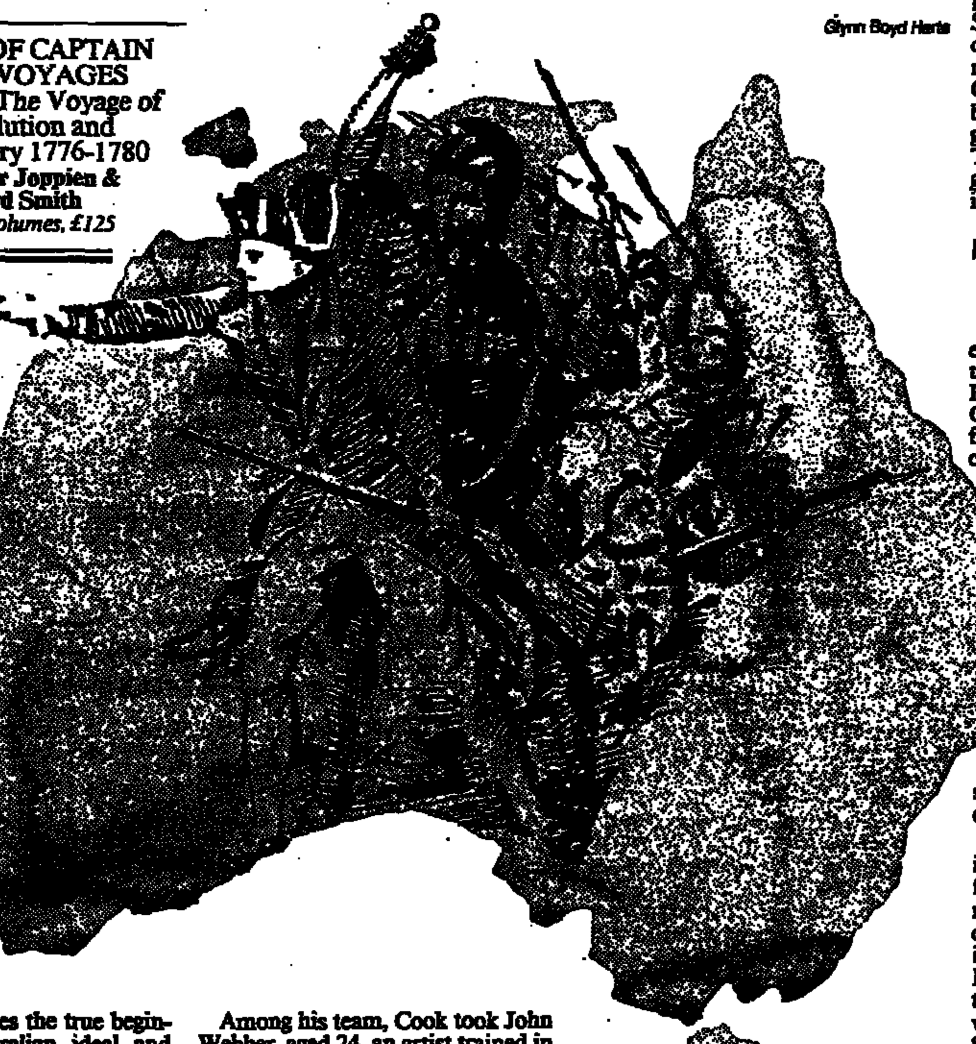
# AUSTRALIAN BOOKS

## Roots in the Antipodes

### Richard Holmes reviews the artistic record of our first meeting with the Noble Savages and/or barbarians of Oz

THE ART OF CAPTAIN COOK'S VOYAGES
Volume III: The Voyage of the Resolution and the Discovery 1776-1780
**By Rüdiger Joppien & Bernard Smith**
*Yale, two volumes, £125*



Glynn Boyd Harte

Now is the year, O my sad captains, of the Australian *Bicentenary* celebrations. (Theme: "Living Together"). Before long, it will be easy to think of them as something charitably dreamed up by Dame Edna Everage to keep Sir Leslie Patterson in gainful employ*ment*. You will be engulfed by a Botany Bay miasma of television spectaculars, Tall Ship regattas, convict operas, commemorative lapel-badges, historical stamp issues, ceremonial gum-tree planting, minimalist rock-painting exhibitions, and thirty-second lager epics wittily suggesting that Australian culture was created in an Outback bar on a long, hot Saturday afternoon.

Anyone who has read Manning Clark's great *History of Australia* (1962-), or Robert Hughes's noble account of the early settlers, *The Fatal Shore* (1987), will already know that the Bicentenary in fact raises the most serious questions of national identity, and of social and racial justice. And the very name of Captain James Cook, the dour, brilliant Yorkshire navigator, the man who actually put Botany Bay on the map in 1770, should introduce a note of sober reality into these proceedings.

Cook made three great voyages to the Pacific between 1768 and 1780, which resulted in the First Fleet's arrival at Port Jackson (Sydney Harbour) on January 26, 1788. Cook himself was not primarily a colonist: his were the first truly scientific expeditions of the Romantic Age, staffed by astronomers, hydrographers, botanists, anthropologists, and – what especially concerns us here – official artists. Traditionalists like Dr Johnson were scathing about his achievements – "one set of Savages is like another"; but the younger poets and scientists clearly saw the immense implications. Coleridge found inspiration for *The Ancient Mariner*; and Joseph Banks, the future President of the Royal Society, brought back over 1,000 new botanical species, many of them symbolically pressed between proof-sheets of Addison's edition of *Paradise Lost*.

Cook himself made a celebrated *Journal* entry on first seeing the Aborigines of Australia: "They may appear to some to be the most wretched people upon the earth: but in reality they are far more happy than we Europeans . . . They live in a Tranquility which is not disturbed by the Inequality of Condition."

Somewhere here lies the true beginning of the Australian ideal and conscience.

It is wonderfully appropriate that Yale University Press, in their quiet scholarly way, have been steadily producing a superb illustrated edition of all the artwork recording these three expeditions, which sets the Bicentenary in an unforgettable, and rather solemn, perspective. On this third and last voyage (Volume III, Text and Catalogue), Cook charted New Zealand and Tahiti, discovered the Sandwich Islands (Hawaii), and looked for the fabled North West Passage above 69° N. in the pack ice. He was also killed by natives, one of the great allegorical events of early exploration.

Among his team, Cook took John Webber, aged 24, an artist trained in Berne and Paris, whose cool, fluent, documentary drawings and richly finished oil-paintings, catch every extraordinary detail from the Crested Penguins of Kerguelen Island to the bark-clad ladies of Unalaska.

Apart from its sheer beauty, especially the shimmering pen and wash drawings, the fascination of Webber's work lies in the dilemma it already exposes in European attitudes to the Pacific. Were they visiting the Lost Golden Age of Rousseau's "Noble Savage"? Or was *this the barbarian pre-civilization of* the primitive *Terra Australis Incognita* (to be properly subdued by firearms, venereal disease, and Christianity)?

Two sets of drawings vividly pose *this issue. The first, on Tonga, show* Cook's crew captivated by the Arcadian "Night Dancing" of the young native girls. They sit as rapt foreground silhouettes, while the dancers – as gracious as a Greek frieze – flicker across the shadowy, blue-green jungle backdrop, pale naked shapes stirring memories of Poussin's "A Dance to the Music of Time". The other drawings, in horrid contrast, record Cook's participation in "A Human Sacrifice" on Tahiti. Drums beat, dog-carcases roast, the victim lies roped to a sort of mobile spit, while Cook stands to the extreme right beneath a tree, his hat held out in a gesture of trance-like acquiescence. This became, say Yale's authors gently, a "negative classic" of Pacific illustration.

The themes are brought *together* powerfully in Webber's most famous painting (executed after the event from contradictory eye-witnesses), "The Death of Captain Cook" at Kealakekua Bay, Hawaii , in February 1779. Here Cook, a tall white, commanding figure amidst a surging mass of coppery bodies, turns in vain to prevent his marines opening musket fire, and is fatally stabbed in the back. "A Victim", according to the inscription, "to his own Humanity". In fact this account is partial, omitting to indicate, for example, that Cook had just discharged his own double-barrel musket into the chest of a Hawaiian chief at point-blank range. *But it is* a sad and memorable "topos" – as our scholars call it – of "cultural contact".

Numerous other issues are raised in these fine and curiously disturbing folio volumes, which touch upon so many of the cultural and post-colonial problems we have all inherited. From the slaughter of "Sea Horses" (walruses) in the Arctic Sea, to Cook's own possible romance with the Princess Poetua in the Society Islands – "the beautiful Poetua who was not to be pacified" (a dazzling, erotic portrait), we glimpse the beginning of our own uncertainties in that great innocent 18th-century dream of the Pacific.

It strikes me that if, after 200 years, we have woken up a little to the real struggles and self-questionings of our Australian friends, that would be proper subject *for celebration. However, devotees* of Dame Edna will be reassured to know that one of the earliest consequences of Cook's last voyage was a Christmas panto at Covent Garden in 1785. The philosophic gentlemen from Yale annotate its tinsel scenery with barely a sigh.

## Bicentenary bunkum

**Piers Ackerman**

AUSTRALIANS
A Historical Library
**Edited by Frank Crowley, Alan D. Gilbert, K.S. Inglis, & Peter Spearritt**
*Fairfax, Syme & Weldon, £350*

It is natural that topics chosen for examination by historians reflect the preoccupations of the period of writing rather than the importance given events when they happened. So this encyclopaedia, a sweeping review of Australian history, to be published on January 21 outside Australia by the Cambridge University Press to coincide with the Australian bicentennial celebrations, is written from a perspective frozen in the 1970s, which reveals more about the ideologies of the 400 scholars who worked on the ten-volume project since its conception in 1977, than about the many characters used to demonstrate philosophical changes in the population.

The emphasis is on Aboriginal-European relations since the first fleet of British convict transport dropped anchor in Botany Bay in January, 1788, when the British Government view of the continent was that it was *terra nullius* – not legally occupied. Uncounted Aboriginals were murdered and otherwise subjected to the *punishments then in vogue*; but in a broad history such as this the volume of words devoted to detailing the plight of the Aboriginals throughout the course of white settlement is disproportionate. It more accurately *reflects* the media view of the impact the descendants of the original inhabitants, who number less than one per cent of the current 16 million population, appear to be having on the ill-advised bicentennial celebrations.

That the Australian publishers were bitten badly by the bicentennial bug is apparent from the outset. Their claim that the work is the "history of our whole society" is better *suited to the realms of episodic* magazine marketing than serious scholarship, though they acknowledge the two million words were written to be "read and enjoyed".

The edition, ten handsomely bound volumes comprises five history books, three of which deal with history in "slices" each covering a year in Australia 50 years apart – 1838, 1888 (Australia's centennial year), and 1938 – the other two historical volumes deal with pre-European Australians to 1788 and Australians from 1939. The other five books are reference: a historical atlas, a guide to sources, events and places, a historical dictionary, and a volume of historical statistics. But the question of editorial control of the content may remain in question for a further hundred years.

In the volume covering events from 1939 the editors acknowledge that the task of writing history imposes "*certain constraints different from* those facing the writer of historical fiction", and that the historian must have a "fidelity to the sources not required of the novelist or dramatist"; yet they have left extremely important questions unresolved on major issues including the events surrounding the dismissal of *the government of Prime Minister* Gough Whitlam in November 1975. Unsubstantiated rumours of the involvement of the Central Intelligence Agency and the Australian Security and Intelligence Organisation are presented in dramatic fashion. Other events in that dynamic year, including the contentious *question of media control*, are dealt with by sweeping assertions which could have been laid to rest through consultation with a number of sources.

In a later section dealing *with contemporary issues*, figures of the number of telephone calls received by a popular midday television programme are unconvincingly cited as support for certain social initiatives. This *broad spectrum treatment* of Australian history lacks depth in its political and economic coverage.

Preparation of this vast work may have suffered through the committee planning process and the perceived need by this group of historians to present a popular history which was in no sense an official history. Yet even approaching these volumes from a populist point of view, the splendidly presented volumes dismiss such national institutions as Australian Rules football, the nation's favourite winter sport, in seven sentences, and ignore other touchstones of Australian culture.

These monumental tomes are very much in the style of those volumes prepared to mark the centennial milestone of 1888, though the editors take pains to explain that the method chosen to prepare their history would require the authors to break new ground with material from new sources. Unfortunately the new material appears only where it supports the theories current in the past decade, and seems doomed to be as soon dated as those presented by the patriots who declared 1888 a jubilee year and 1938 a sesquicentennial celebration.

## Banks of plants

**Ruth Stungo**

THE FLOWERING OF THE PACIFIC
**By Brian Adams**
*Collins/British Museum, £17.50*

When Captain James Cook and the depleted crew of the Endeavour returned to England in 1771 after three years circumnavigating the globe, Cook reported to his masters at the Admiralty his failure to locate the new continent believed to exist somewhere in the Pacific. His illustrious passenger, the botanist Joseph Banks, was better satisfied with the results of his labours: a record of the rich flora of South America, Tahiti, New Zealand, and Australia. Yet while Cook's work was to prove more valuable than he thought, the work of Banks and his assistants lingered more or less forgotten for 200 years. Only now are the magnificent plates finally being published.

Brian Adams's book charts the story of the expedition, particularly the part played in it by Banks, and the subsequent history of his *Florilegium*. It is an unusual book: interesting in that it is not just another flower history (they are too thick on the ground these days), yet somehow lacking a unity essential to link the two parts together.

*The first half is an account* of the trials and triumphs of the journey itself. Since the crew seem to have been an unusually literate lot, keen to commit their impressions to their journals, there was *plenty of available raw material*. This has been blended into an effective narrative, though one that concentrates too much on sexual conquest. Just how remarkable such voyages were, with the limited *instrumentation* and the lack of adequate charts, is well conveyed, as is the daily routine on board ship in the cramped circumstances. In the clutter of astronomical equipment, hens and goats, and *even Banks's pet greyhounds*, the team of naturalists collect, identify, and paint their specimens, before drying them between sheets of Addison's commentary on *Paradise Lost*, a job lot of paper bought for the purpose.

The remainder of the book comes as an anticlimax, rather than the triumphant vindication it sets out to be. Banks's life after his return is sketchily indicated in a way that be*littles his contributions to the* scientific life of his country, and which had me reaching for reassurance that Banks was not a lightweight dilettante motivated only by self-aggrandisement. The other *characters in the story* – Cook, Solander, and above all the unfortunate Sydney Parkinson, whose paintings were the raw material of the *Florilegium* before he succumbed to the fevers of Batavia – are more sympathetically drawn.

The story of the eventual success of the scheme to publish the *Florilegium* has to be told in Adams's own words, and it is here that weaknesses in style emerge. Although the *excitement of the technical* discoveries and refinements of method required to allow the accurate colour reproduction of the plates is well put over, I was left wondering if what had started off as something *involving at least a modicum* of respectable scientific curiosity had not been overcome by lesser motives. Too late, perhaps, to be a useful scientific record, is this new edition not just a collector's *item, a "good investment"*? Parkinson, are you turning in your grave?

## And all that jazz

**Richard Williams**

TALKING JAZZ
**By Max Jones**
*Macmillan, £14.95*

**Until comparatively recently, American jazz musicians were rarely to be seen or heard in Britain. When they did slip through the net of union restrictions, they usually found Max Jones lying in wait for them with a notebook, a half-bottle of whisky and a list of questions on behalf of the readers of the *Melody Maker*.**

**In *Talking Jazz*, Jones *draws on incidents* and encounters from half a century of observing the great men and women of jazz, beginning with the historic Duke Ellington concert at the London Palladium in 1933. Built around interviews, the book adds a substantial amount of flesh to the skeleton of jazz history – as much through the testimony of obscure figures such as like the clarinettist Paul Barnes and the trumpeter Preston Jackson, both of whom were in at the beginning in New Orleans, as through the portraits of such inter*nationally familiar figures* as Stan Getz and Sarah Vaughan.**

**Three parts fan to one part journalist, Jones was able to establish warm relationships with a remarkable variety of musicians, many of whom were *apt not to suffer fools* gladly. He earned Billie Holiday's respect, for example, by adroitly shielding her from harsh questioning by daily paper reporters on the subject of her drugs convic*tions at the* press conference that opened her first visit to Britain, in 1954. Such instinctive kindness was repaid by a friendship that lasted until her death and is commemorated in a chapter rich in affection and anecdote (when Jones thought of asking her back to his home, she indicated that she *made it a rule to* refuse invitations to private houses – "the drinks don't come fast enough, honey, and you can't leave when you want to").**

**Jones's relaxed approach establishes the mood for his subjects' recollections and salty opinions. From time to time he shades in the existence of a pioneer jazz fan in Britain – when records were hard to find and concerts non-existent, and just about the biggest thrill was the discovery of a fellow Louis Armstrong devotee in the next town.**

## Hooligan Russian

POETRY

**Robert Nye**

LISTEN!
EARLY POEMS
1913-1918
**By Vladimir Mayakovsky**
*The Redstone Press, £7.95*

Of all the unmistakably important Russian poets of this century, Vladimir Mayakovsky is perhaps the most difficult for a reader without Russian to come to terms with. He is like nothing and no one in English, and he thrusts himself upon our attention. Mandalstam speaks with a sort of concentrated nervousness, *quietly and formally*, like a man overcoming a terrible stammer because of the truth he has to tell. Pasternak, even when his meaning is elusive, has a firm level voice which compels heed without demanding it, sounding sometimes like a less coy Robert Frost, a Frost unembarrassed by his own intelligence. But Mayakovsky? He shouts. He clowns. He struts and stamps and dances. Lines like these addressed to his audience remind me that as a very young man he liked to wear a yellow blazer and paint blue roses on his cheeks for poetry readings:

*In another hour, out of the foyer,*
*all your sizzling dripping will flow, man by man.*
*And I have revealed such hoards of verse before you,*
*I – squanderer and prodigal of priceless words.*
*Sir, I say, there's cabbage in your beard . . .*

*This, of course*, is early Mayakovsky, written when he was 20, and all the poems in a lovely little boxed edition are in a similar vein. Here is Mayakovsky before epic revolutionary ambition set in, a young hooligan excited by booze and stars and underwear and street signs and the possibility of playing nocturnes on drainpipes turned into flutes, making poetry out of the purity of these naive loves and hates:

**Mayakovsky's lithograph for "To Shop Signs"**

*Rolling like an unwanted tear*
*from the unshaven cheek of the square,*
*I am probably the last poet.*

Maria Enzenberger's versions seem to me to catch the spirit as well as the shape of the originals, most of which have never before been translated *into English*.

● C.H. Sisson's **God Bless Karl Marx!** *(Carcanet, £4.95)* can be mentioned in the same breath as the Mayakovsky, and not just for purposes of mischief. Sisson, now in his 70s, and as English as they come, has given a typically ironic title to his new book of poems, his first for many years, since of course his own political stance is about as far removed from the Russian's as could be imagined. Still, *there is something splendidly* revolutionary about Sisson as a poet, and, despite all differences of background and temperament, I think that if Mayakovsky had lived into his 70s with his inspiration intact he might well have written lines like Sisson's "Toys":

*The brightness that things had, at one time!*
*When the curtain went up, everything was there,*
*Brilliant, alive, coloured. These two bricks*
*Recall it, but I cannot live again.*

That is a whole poem, a complete perception memorably realized in words that hold the sadness and the happiness of two moments and the life between. I confess to *liking these offhand epiphanies* rather more than the formal meditations which go on about the attractions of death, but as always this poet says harsher things in his own disfavour than any critic could possibly say, and "Sisson's Good-Night" begins superbly:

*Goodnight, and hang me on a tree*
*Or lead me to the firing squad:*
*Say, he pretended once to be*
*The patriot and the friend of God.*

The mind and heart at work and play in these poems by a septuagenarian High Anglican have more in common with the mind and heart at work and play in the poems by the 20-year-old Vladimir Mayakovsky than either of them ever had with any political or religious system East or West. There may even be a moral in this.

## NEW HARDBACKS

*The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books:*

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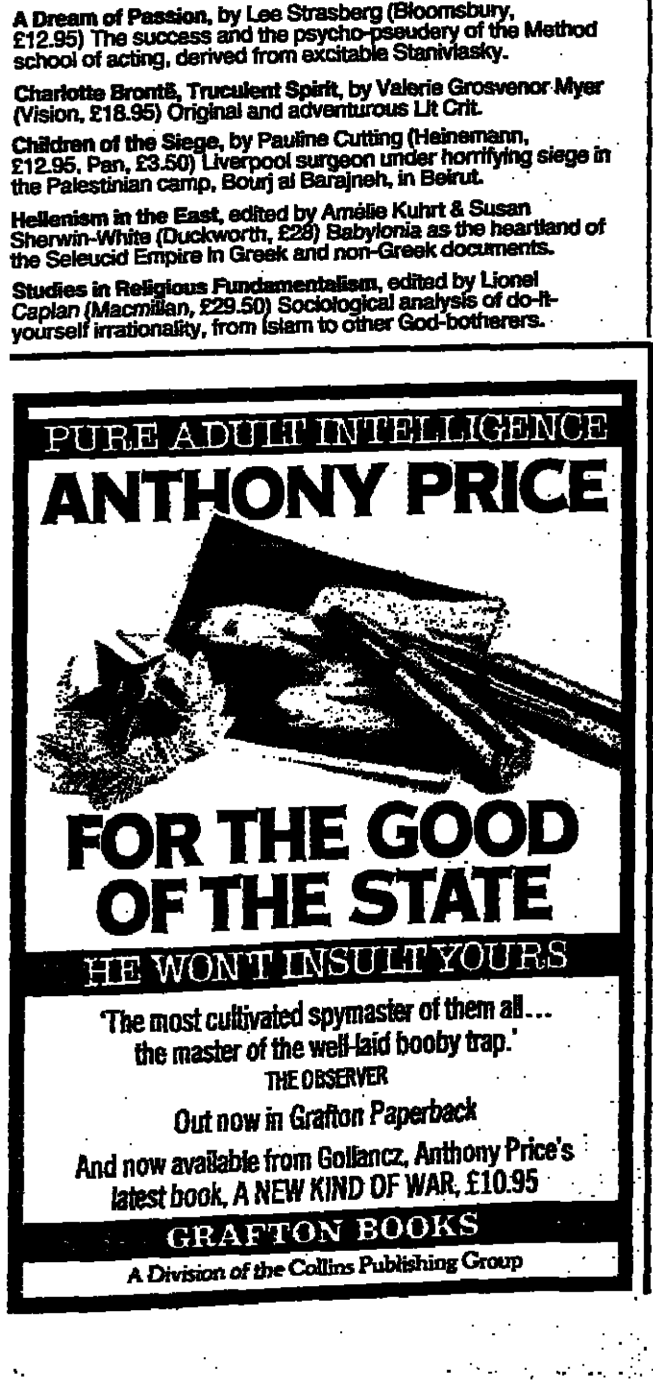

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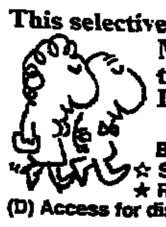

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☆ Seats available
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## THEATRE

### LONDON

☆ **BELLS ARE RINGING:** Lesley Mackie in Jule Styne's tune-packed telephone musical.
**Greenwich Theatre,** Crooms Hill, SE10 (01-858 7755). Station: Greenwich (15 mins from Charing Cross). Mon-Sat 7.45pm, mat Sat 2.30pm, £3-£10.

☆ **BETWEEN EAST AND WEST:** Sheila Allen and John Woodvine play two Czech dissidents facing the freedom of the US.
**Hampstead Theatre,** Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (01-722 9301). Tube: Swiss Cottage. Mon-Sat 8-10.15pm, mat Sat 4.30-6.45pm, £6-£7.

☆ **DREAMS OF SAN FRANCISCO:** Five-woman play by Jacqueline Holborough, set to confirm the high promise of last year's *Garden Girls*.
**Bush Theatre,** Shepherd's Bush Green, W12 (01-743 3388). Tube: Shepherd's Bush. Tues-Sun 8-10pm, £5.

☆ **THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST:** Dame Hilda Bracket bestows upon us her Lady Bracknell and Dr Evadne Hinge offers her Miss Prism in a cunning adaptation of Mr Wilde's original.
**Whitehall Theatre,** Whitehall, SW1 (01-930 7765). Tube: Charing Cross/Embankment. Mon-Fri 8-10.15pm, Sat 8.15-10.30pm, mats Wed 3-5.15pm and Sat 5-7.15pm. £8.50-£13.50.

☆ **JAMES BOND — THE PANTO:** Licensed to look ill. Zap Club's alternative version, with John Dowie as an agent out of his depth among the hardware and the sexual action. A hit in Brighton.
**ICA Theatre,** The Mall SW1 (01-930 3647). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat 8-10pm, £4.90. Half price Mondays.

★ **LETTICE AND LOVAGE:** Maggie Smith and Margaret Tyzack waging eccentric war against the modern world in Peter Shaffer's comedy.
**Globe Theatre,** Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-437 3667). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat, 7.45-10.15pm, mats Sat 3-5.30pm, £7.50-£14.50.

☆ **MAN TO MAN:** Tilda Swinton's tour de force in Manfred Karge's play as the woman who becomes her dead husband. A Traverse Theatre, Edinburgh production.
**Royal Court Theatre,** Sloane Square SW1 (01-730 1745). Tube: Sloane Square. Mon-Fri 8-9.30pm. Mat Sat 4-5.30pm, £6-£10. All seats £4 on Mondays.

☆ **OUTBREAK OF GOD IN AREA 9:** Divine intervention in the lives of our cultural leaders; scurrilous report by Ken Campbell's zanies.
**Young Vic,** 66 The Cut, SE1 (01-928 6363). Tube: Waterloo. Mon-Sat 7.30-9.30pm, £7.50.

**Gemma Craven (above) falls "In Love With A Wonderful Guy" (Emile Belcourt) in *South Pacific*, previewing from Saturday (see listing), at the Prince of Wales Theatre, where she also gets to sing "Cock-Eyed Optimist". She has returned to the musical stage after two years of playing leading roles at the National Theatre, having previously won awards two years in succession: Best Actress in a Musical for *They're Playing Our Song* and Best Comedy Actress in Joe Orton's *Loot*.**

☆ **SOUTH PACIFIC:** See caption.
**Prince of Wales Theatre,** Coventry Street W1 (01-839 5989). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Previews from Sat, Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat 2.30pm, opens Jan 20. Previews £7.50-£19. From Jan 20 £8.50-£20.

**LONG RUNNERS:** ☆ **Beyond Reasonable Doubt:** Queens Theatre (01-734 1166)... ☆ **The Business of Murder:** Mayfair Theatre (01-629 3036)... ★ **Cats:** New London Theatre (01-405 0072, cc 01-404 4079)... ☆ **Chess:** Prince Edward Theatre (01-734 8951)... ☆ **Follies:** Shaftesbury Theatre (01-379 5399)... ☆ **42nd Street:** Drury Lane Theatre (01-836 8108/9/0)... ☆ **High Society:** Victoria Palace Theatre (01-834 1317)... ☆ **Les Liaisons Dangereuses:** Ambassadors Theatre (01-836 6111, cc 01-836 1171)... ☆ **Me and My Girl:** Adelphi Theatre (01-240 7913/4)... ★ **Les Misérables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909)... ☆ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443)... ☆ **Nunsense:** Fortune Theatre (01-836 2238)... ★ **Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244)... ☆ **Run For Your Wife:** Criterion Theatre (01-930 3216)... ☆ **Serious Money:** Wyndhams Theatre (01-836 3028)... ☆ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Theatre (01-828 8665)... ☆ **And Then There Were None:** Duke of York's Theatre (01-836 5122).

### OUT OF TOWN

**NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME:** ★ **Mr Whatnot:** Revival of Alan Ayckbourn's first (1964) play: genial non-speaking hero speeds through suburban society.
**New Victoria Theatre,** Etruria Road, Basford (0782 717962). Mon-Sat 7.30pm, Fri 8pm, £3.10-£4.65

**SOUTHAMPTON:** ☆ **Love off The Shelf:** New musical: "everything you wanted to know about romantic novels but were afraid to ask".
**Nuffield Theatre,** University Road (0703 671771), Mon-Thurs 7.30-10pm, Fri and Sat 8-10.30pm, mat Sat 4-6.30pm, £4.90-£8.

**STRATFORD:** ☆ **Fashion:** Doug Lucie's gripping and strongly cast study of corruption of loyalties in a PR agency.
**The Other Place,** Stratford-upon-Avon (0789 295623). Tonight 7.30-10.30pm, £6-£7.

**STRATFORD:** ☆ **Hyde Park:** Courtship comedy by James Shirley, the RSC's first venture into Caroline comedy.
**Swan Theatre,** Stratford-upon-Avon (0789 295623). Tonight 7.30-10.15pm, £3-£13.

## FILMS

■ **Also on national release**
⊠ **Advance booking possible**

■ **BEVERLY HILLS COP II (15):** Eddie Murphy repeats his performance as the brazen Detroit cop on a job in Los Angeles. Tony Scott directs (103 min).
**Cannon Oxford Street** (01-636 0310). Progs 1.30, 3.50, 6.10, 8.30.
⊠ **Plaza** (01-437 1234). Progs 1.15, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30. (D)

**A MONTH IN THE COUNTRY (PG):** Two soldiers, battered by the First World War, come to terms with their problems in a remote Yorkshire village. Directed by Pat O'Connor, with Colin Firth, Kenneth Branagh and Natasha Richardson (104 min).
**Cannon Chelsea** (01-352 5096). Progs 2.35, 6.00, 8.55.

**PREDATOR (18):** Arnold Schwarzenegger action spectacular, featuring lots of blood, laser beams, and a very slight moral conscience.
Schwarzenegger plays the leader of a military rescue team, faced with an other-worldly foe. Directed by John McTiernan (107 min).
**Leicester Square Theatre** (01-930 5252). Progs 11.10, 1.40, 4.10, 6.50, 9.45.
**Odeon Marble Arch** (01-723 2011). Progs 1.15, 3.40, 6.05, 8.30, 11.00.

■ **SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS (U):** Walt Disney's first animated feature, 1937, looking better than ever (83 min).
**Cannon Chelsea** (01-352 5096). Progs 1.45, 4.00, 6.15.
**Cannon Haymarket** (01-839 1527). Progs 12.40, 2.45, 4.45, 6.50, 8.50.
**Odeon Kensington** (01-602 6644). Progs 11.25, 1.45, 4.00, 6.15.
**Odeon Swiss Cottage** (01-722 5905). Progs 1.00, 3.00, 4.55, 6.50.

**SPACEBALLS (PG):** The time for a parody of *Star Wars* has long since passed, but Mel Brooks delivers one regardless. With John Candy, Rick Moranis, Brooks himself, and a scattering of amusing sight gags (98 min).
⊠ **Odeon Leicester Square** (01-930 6111). Progs 1.00, 3.20, 5.45, 8.15. (D)
**Odeon Kensington** (01-602 6644). Progs 1.30, 3 50, 6.15, 8.40.

**WISH YOU WERE HERE (15):** David Leland's poignant comedy about a teenage girl's sexual adventures in a drab seaside town. Marvellous playing by Emily Lloyd (92 min).
⊠ **Odeon Haymarket** (01-930 2738). Progs 11.40, 1.55, 4.15, 6.35, 9.05.

## DANCE

☆ **GISELLE:** Sylvia Guillem and Rudolf Nureyev as guests with the Royal Ballet.
**Royal Opera House,** Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066), 7.30-9.45pm, £1-£30.

☆ **THE SNOW QUEEN:** David Bintley's production for Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet.
**Sadler's Wells Theatre,** Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (01-278 8916) 7.30-9.45pm. £3.50-£16.

☆ **THE NUTCRACKER:** Peter Schaufuss's production for London Festival Ballet.
**Royal Festival Hall,** South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191) 7.30-9.45pm, £4.50-£15.50. Half price for children with adult.

☆ **THE NUTCRACKER:** Peter Darrell's production for Scottish Ballet.
**Theatre Royal,** Hope Street, Glasgow (041 331 1234) 7.15-9.30pm. £2.50-£15.

## OPERA

☆ **DER ROSENKAVALIER:** Revival, now restaged by Keith Warner and with a vintage English National Opera cast led by Valerie Masterson, John Tomlinson and Jean Rigby. Christian Badea conducts.
**Coliseum,** St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161), 7-10.50pm, £2-£21.50.

☆ **CARMEN:** Opera North's provocatively squalid new production with Cynthia Buchan and Dennis O'Neill.
**Grand Theatre,** New Briggate, Leeds (0532 459351), 7.15-10.30pm, £4.50-£17.80.

## GALLERIES

**MIXED GRAPHICS:** Prints by outstanding British artists, incl. Bawden, Davie, Clough, Frink.
**Curwen Gallery,** 4 Windmill Street, London W1 (01-636 1459), Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm, Sat 10.30am-1pm, free, until Jan 30.

**MR CARTWRIGHT'S PICTURES:** 75 pictures which formed the private collection of artist and bookseller William Cartwright (1607-1686).
**Dulwich Picture Gallery,** College Road, London SE21 (01-693 5254), Tues-Sat 10am-1pm & 2-5pm, Sun 2-5pm, £1.50, until Feb 28.

**THE SELF-PORTRAIT:** By 60 contemporary artists, from Anthony Caro to Peter Howson.
**Ferens Art Gallery,** Queen Victoria Square, Hull (0482 222750), Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 1.30-4.30pm, free, until Jan 30.

**HARD TIMES:** Works by Herkomer, Holl, Fildes, Van Gogh and others explore social realist themes in Victorian art.
**City Art Gallery,** Mosley Street, Manchester (061 236 9422). Mon-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 2-6pm, free, until Jan 10.

**EDWARD MIDDLEDITCH RA:** Career survey of an influential painter and teacher who died last July.
**Mappin Art Gallery,** Weston Park, Sheffield (0742 726281), Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm, free, until Jan 31.

## JAZZ

☆ **HUMPHREY LYTTELTON:** A special concert to mark the trumpeter's 40th anniversary as a band leader. Support provided by the venerable Acker Bilk.
**Barbican Centre,** Silk Street, London EC2 (01-628 8795), 7.45pm, £5-£11.50.

**If pride comes before a fall, then the tumble from an American stage last October taken by Ian McCulloch (above) was long overdue. The singer, who once described U2 as "less than nothing" and Bruce Springsteen as "a total prat", has never been slow to sing the praises of his own group, Echo & the Bunnymen. The injuries sustained in the fall led to the postponement of their British tour which is only now beginning. The band was formed in Liverpool in 1978, but despite the musicians' novice status, they took care not to align themselves too closely with the fading punk movement, preferring to delve back to Sixties' source material, like the work of the Velvet Underground, for inspiration. Having gradually developed a distinctive, harsh melodic style, and with a minimum of hype — only four videos made since they started — the quartet has become a major concert attraction, though the Wembley Arena show last November suggested that McCulloch, at least, is still not entirely comfortable playing in the largest venues. Their rescheduled tour starts tonight at NEC, Birmingham (021 780 4133) at 8pm, £7-£8. Tomorrow and Saturday they are at Manchester Free Trade Hall (061 834 0943); Monday January 11 at Liverpool Empire (051 709 1555); Tuesday at St George's Hall, Bradford (0274 752000); Wednesday at Newcastle City Hall (091 261 2606). Support act on all dates is the *Primitives* and original tickets are valid.** ***David Sinclair***

☆ **JOHN TAYLOR/NORMA WINSTONE:** The husband and wife team — two-thirds of Azimuth — explore some ethereal compositions.
**Band on the Wall,** 25 Swan Street, Manchester (061 832 6625) 9.15pm, £2.50.

☆ **PEPI LEMER:** Brazilian rhythms from a new band led by the vocalist who has worked with Barbara Thompson and Mike Oldfield.
**Pizza Express,** 10 Dean Street, London W1 (01-439 8722) 9.30pm, £6.

## ROCK

☆ **MARILLION:** Ponderous progressive rock band on second leg of British tour. *Market Square Heroes* is the title of an excellent authorized biography of Marillion written by Mick Wall and published by Sidgwick & Jackson at £8.95.
**Capitol,** 431 Union Street, Aberdeen (0224 583141), 7.30pm, £9-£10.

☆ **WHITESNAKE:** The old grunt and thrust crooner, David Coverdale, enjoyed a spectacularly successful year with more than five million copies of *Whitesnake 1987* sold before he even started this British tour.
**Edinburgh Playhouse,** 18-21 Greenside Place (031 557 2590), 7.30pm, £9-£10, for two nights.

## CONCERTS

☆ **DEATH PLUS MAIDEN:** The Britten Quartet plays Schubert's Quartet D 810 "Death and the Maiden," Beethoven's Quartet Op 18 No 2 and the contemporary Russian composer Alfred Schnittke's Quartet No 3.
**Wigmore Hall,** 36 Wigmore Street, London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30pm, £2.50-£5.

☆ **NATIONAL YOUTH:** Christopher Adey conducts the National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain in Gershwin's Cuban Overture, Ravel's *La valse* and Tchaikovsky's Symphony No 6 "Pathétique."
**Colston Hall,** Colston Street, Bristol (0272 291768 or 262957), 7.30pm, £3.20-£7.60.

☆ **SCO/SPS:** The Scottish Chamber Orchestra and Scottish Philharmonic Singers combine under the baton of Lionel Friend for Stravinsky's Mass. Later, members of the orchestra are heard in Mozart's Serenade No 10 "Gran Partita."
**Queen's Hall,** Clerk Street, Edinburgh (031 668 2019), 7.45pm, £3-£8.80.

☆ **ALL MOZART:** John Eliot Gardiner conducts the English Baroque Soloists in Mozart's Symphonies Nos 32 and 36 "Linz." In between, Malcolm Binns solos in the Piano Concerto K 491.
**Queen Elizabeth Hall,** South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 928 8800) 7.45pm, £4-£9.

## CLASSICAL TOP 20

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| 1 | (1) | **Portrait of Mario Lanza** | Mario Lanza, Stylus |
| 2 | (2) | **Pavarotti Collection** | Luciano Pavarotti, Stylus |
| 3 | (4) | **Maria Callas Collection** | Maria Callas, Stylus |
| 4 | (3) | **The Collection** | Placido Domingo, Stylus |
| 5 | (7) | **Vivaldi: Four Seasons** | Virtuosi of England, CFP |
| 6 | (5) | **Elgar: Cello Concerto** | Du Pré, HMV |
| 7 | (—) | **Mussorgsky: Pictures at An Exhibition** | Lombard/OPS, Conifer |
| 8 | (11) | **Tchaikovsky: 1812 Overture** | Mackerras/LPO, CFP |
| 9 | (12) | **Holst: The Planets** | Karajan/BPO, DG |
| 10 | (6) | **Portrait of Segovia** | Andres Segovia, Stylus |
| 11 | (—) | **Berlioz: Symphonie Fantastique** | Riedel, Conifer |
| 12 | (19) | **Elgar: Cello Concerto** | Lloyd Webber/Menuhin/RPO, Philips |
| 13 | (—) | **Tchaikovsky: Piano Concerto I** | Siegel/PO, Philips |
| 14 | (—) | **Dvorak: Symphony 9** | Adolph/SPS, Conifer |
| 15 | (—) | **Rachmaninov: Piano Concerto 2** | Fowke/Temirkanov/RPO, MFP |
| 16 | (18) | **Holst: The Planets** | Rattle/PO, Eminence |
| 17 | (—) | **Beethoven: Symphony 6** | Pospal/LRO, Conifer |
| 18 | (—) | **Handel: Water Music** | Virtuosi of England, CFP |
| 19 | (16) | **100 Greatest Classics 6** | Various, Trax Classique |
| 20 | (—) | **Vivaldi: Four Seasons** | SCO, Critics Choice |

*Source: Music Week Research*

## WALKS

**POLITICAL LONDON:** meet Westminster tube, 11am, £3.

**THROUGH DICKENS'S LONDON:** meet Holborn tube, 2pm, £3.

**CHURCHILL'S WAR ROOMS:** meet Westminster tube, 2.30pm, £2.50.

**LONDON'S ANCIENT TAVERNS:** meet Blackfriars tube, 7pm, £2.50.

**FAGIN'S EAST SIDE HAUNTS:** meet Aldgate tube, 11am, £3.

## FOR CHILDREN

**PLANETARIUM SHOWS:** Last day of the holiday shows. *The Polar Lights* at 2.30pm, *Stars of the Southern Sky* at 3.30pm.
**Greenwich Planetarium,** South Building, Old Royal Observatory, London, SE10. (01-858 1167). Show free. Adm. to Planetarium £1.20, child 60p.

**CADBURY'S NATIONAL EXHIBITION OF CHILDREN'S ART:** Annual tour of 600 exhibits.
**The City School,** Skellingthorpe Road, Lincoln (0522 683864). Today, tomorrow 10am-4pm, free.

**TATE CHILDREN'S TOUR:** Intended to familiarize children with the range of works to be seen in the gallery.
**Tate Gallery,** Millbank, London, SW1. (01-821 1313). Final day. Meet in the Rotunda, 11.30am, free.

## OTHER EVENTS

**NORWICH ANTIQUES FAIR:** Specializing in jewellery, watercolours, porcelain and pottery. Mainly pre-1890.
**Blackfriars Hall,** St Andrew's Plain, Norwich. Today 2pm-8pm, tomorrow 11am-8pm, Sat 10.30am-5pm. £1, child 50p.

**RACING CAR SHOW:** Prince Michael of Kent officially opens the show at 11am. Latest models in Formula I, track and drag cars, go-karts and others. Classic cars and racing celebrity visits. Bonham's Auction at 2pm on Sat.
**Olympia II,** Kensington, London, W14. (01-244 9275). Until Jan 9, 10am-7pm, Jan 10, 10am-6pm, £4, child £2.

**HOLIDAY AND TRAVEL FAIR:** Miss Great Britain — Linzi Butler — opens Britain's leading public holiday show today. More than 350 exhibitors incl. tourist boards, travel and tour companies. *Entertainment* incl. singers, dancers, fashion shows, sand castle sculpture. Finals of the Miss Great Britain competition on Sun.
**National Exhibition Centre,** Birmingham, (021 780 4171). Until Jan 10, 10am-7pm, £2, child 50p.

## BOOKINGS

### FIRST CHANCE

**FEBRUARY AT THE BARBICAN:** LSO performance of Mendelssohn's *Elijah*, with Elizabeth Gale, Robert Tear and Benjamin Luxon; Rostropovich with the Hallé; Valentine's Day with London Concert Orchestra; Paul Crossley recital; George Melly with John Chilton's Feetwarmers; Mazeppa Ukranian Cossacks; Oslo Philharmonic.
**Barbican Centre,** Silk Street, London EC2 (01-638 8891).

**ERIC CLAPTON AND HIS BAND:** The guitarist in concert. Jan 22-23.
**National Exhibition Centre,** Birmingham (021 780 4133)

**RUDDIGORE:** London Savoyards in complete costumed performance, with Patricia Cope, Justin Lavender, Peter Gale, and Roger Bryson. Feb 6.
**Barbican Centre,** Silk Street, London EC2 (01 638 8891).

### LAST CHANCE

**STRUCTURE OF CHANCE:** Photos of nature by Roger Polley and John Woodman.
**Barbican Centre,** Silk Street, London EC2. (01-638 4141). Ends today.

**WATERCOLOURS UP TO 1900:** 50, incl. Skelton, Turner, Cox, Palmer, Blake, Pre-Raphaelites, Realist school, Whistler.
**Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery,** Chamberlain Square, Birmingham. (021 235 2800) Ends Sun.

## WINTER SALES

### TODAY

**LONDON: BAZAAR,** 1 and 4 South Molton Street, W1 (01-629 1708).
30% off Jean-Paul Gaultier men's clothing.
*For one week*

**LONDON: CASA FINA,** 132 Notting Hill Gate, W11 (01-221 9112); 9 Central Avenue, The Market, Covent Garden, WC2 (01-836 0289).
50% off lamp bases and ceramics; 15% off upholstered furniture.
*Until Feb 6*

**LONDON: DESCAMPS,** 197 Sloane Street, SW1 (01-235 6957).
20% off recently discontinued designs in bedlinen and towelling; 35%-75% off year-old designs.
*For three weeks*

**LONDON: FORTNUM & MASON,** 181 Piccadilly, SW1 (01-734 1234).
A third off in most departments (except food and wine).
*Until Jan 23*

**LONDON: LUCIENNE PHILLIPS,** 89 Knightsbridge, SW1 (01-235 2134).
Top British designer collections half-price (Jean Muir, Alistair Blair, Jasper Conran, Penny Green, Graham Smith and Gail Hoppen).
*Until Jan 30*

**LONDON: SANDERSON,** 52 Berners Street, W1 (01-636 7800).
Printed cottons from £8.95 to £4.75 per metre; cotton satin from £10.95 to £5.75; union from £13.50 to £5.75; glaze from £14.50 to £4.25 per metre; special purchase sofa beds in Sanderson fabric £895; up to 50% off selected wallpapers.
*Until Jan 30*

**LONDON: OSCAR WOOLLENS,** 421 Finchley Road, NW3 (01-435 0101).
Modern furniture, dining furniture and upholstery.
*Until Jan 30*

**KINGSTON-UPON-THAMES: BENTALLS,** Wood Street (01-546 1001); also at Ealing, Bracknell, Worthing, Tonbridge, Tunbridge Wells.
Ladies fashion knitwear, men's trousers, selected Wilton carpets and rugs half price. Also furniture.
*Until Jan 30.*

### NOW ON

**LONDON: AQUASCUTUM,** 100 Regent Street, W1 (01-734 6090).
Men's wool overcoats from £275 to £150, classic men's raincoats £155 to £99, pure wool sports jackets £145 to £99; ladies' cashmere coats £895 to £589, ladies reversible raincoats £399 to £199; ladies blazers £209 to £104, knitwear from £55 to £27.50.
*Until mid Jan*

**LONDON: AUSTIN REED,** 103-113 Regent Street, W1 (01-734 6789) and branches
Paul Costelloe, Nicole Fahri, Roland Klein and Michael Mortell, 50% and Marina Rinaldi 20% off. Menswear: wool suits from £250 to £175; blazers from £99 to £79; tweed jackets from £135 to £99.
*Until mid Jan.*

**LONDON: BEAUCHAMP PLACE SHOP,** Beauchamp Place, SW3 (01-589 4155).
Designer clothes at half-price (Workers For Freedom, Maxfield Parrish, Rifat Ozbek, Edina Ronay and Marion Foale).
*Until Jan 30.*

**LONDON: COLES,** 131 Sloane Street, SW1 (01-730 7564).
Shirts from £47.50 to £39.95; selected ties half-price at £13.95; knitwear 20% off; children's sailor dresses from £75 to £45; pure wool ladies' suits from £125 to £39.95.
*Until mid Jan*

**LONDON: DEBENHAMS,** Oxford Street, W1 (01-580 3000).
Women's wear 25%-30% off; men's shirts third off; men's corduroy trousers and Coloroll quilt covers and co-ordinates half price; 36-piece Wedgwood imperfect fine bone china from £246 to £159.50.
*until Jan 30.*

**LONDON: EDINA RONAY,** 141 King's Road, SW3 (01-352 1085).
30%-50% off sweaters, suits and evening wear.
*Until Jan 30*

**LONDON: ENGLISH ECCENTRICS,** 155 Fulham Road, SW3 (01-589 7154).
Current winter collection and cotton shirts 40% off.
*Until Jan 23*

**LONDON: FENWICK,** New Bond Street, W1 (01-629 9161).
Nicole Farhi pure wool ridged gaberdine coats from £275 to £199 and trench raincoats from £225 to £149; Paul Costelloe wool jackets from £225 to £149. French Connection tweed coats from £115 to £55; In-Wear tweed jackets from £89.95 to £45; all Marella suits and jackets half price. Short tiered evening dresses in taffeta from £99 to £59.
*Until mid Jan.*

**LONDON: HARRODS,** Knightsbridge, SW1 (01-730 1234).
Ferguson 24in TV down from £509 to £399; set of Mayfair luggage 50% off each piece; John Galliano dress from £205 to £102; Harrods large double white goosedown duvet from £350 to £225; Guy Degrenne silver-plated cutlery 40% off; satin quilted bedspread from £250 to £125.
*until Jan 30*

**LONDON: TOWNHOUSE INTERIORS,** 25G Lowndes Street, SW1 (01-235 3189).
Reductions on Italian designed home accessories.
*Until Jan 30*

**LONDON AND NATIONWIDE: HOUSE OF FRASER,** all stores including Army & Navy, Victoria Street, SW1 (01-834 1234) and House of Fraser, Kensington High Street, W8 (01-937 5432).
Furniture, electrical equipment and fashion.
*Until Jan 20.*

**LONDON: JOHN LEWIS,** Oxford Street, W1 (01-629 7711).
Bedlinen, bath linen, table linen, china and glass.
*Until Jan 9*

### THIS WEEK

**LONDON: ARTEMIDE,** 17 Neal Street, WC2 (01-240 2552).
Selected items of modern lighting.
*Fri for two weeks*

**LONDON: BENEDETTO,** 8 Silver Place, W1 (01-734 0089).
All stock up to 50% off.
*Fri-Jan 30*

**LONDON: BROWNS,** 22-27 South Molton Street, W1 (01-491 7833); 60 Sloane Street, SW1 (01-493 4232).
Up to 50% off most designer names including Romeo Gigli, Jean-Paul Gaultier, Sonia Rykiel, Comme des Garçons and Byblos.
*Fri-Jan 23*

**LONDON: THE CONRAN SHOP,** Michelin House, 81 Fulham Road, SW3 (01-589 7401).
Furniture, china, glass and fabrics.
*Fri for two weeks*

**LONDON: DAVID MELLOR,** 4 Sloane Street, SW1 (01-730 4259); 26 James Street, WC2 (01-379 6947).
10% off most items and 20% off David Mellor cutlery.
*Fri-Jan 23*

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; **Films:** Geoff Brown; **Concerts:** Max Harrison; **Opera:** Hilary Finch; **Rock:** David Sinclair; **Jazz:** Clive Davis; **Dance:** John Percival; **Galleries:** David Lee; **Walks and Talks:** Greta Carslaw; **Other Events:** Judy Froshaug; **Bookings:** Anne Whitehouse.

## WORD-WATCHING

*Answers from page 16*

**ORPHREY**
**(c) From Late Latin *auriphrygium*, Phrygian gold: richly embroidered border on an ecclesiastical vestment.**

**ETYMON**
**(c) The original root of a word, from Greek *etumos*, true.**

**OPPIGNERATE**
**(a) To pop or pledge with Uncle, from Latin *pignus*, a pledge.**

**PUNT**
**(a) American college students' slang: to drop a course in order not to fail it, from rugby and thence American football, where it may be onomatopoeic.**

# ENTERTAINMENTS

## CONCERTS

BARBICAN HALL 638 8891/628 8795 Ton't 7.45 HUMPHREY LYTTELTON JAZZ IN THE NEW YEAR Celebrating Humphrey Lyttelton's 40th year as a bandleader.

## EXHIBITIONS

EMPERORS TERRACOTTA WARRIORS. Royal Horticultural Societies Old Hall. Vincent Square. SW1. £4.50. Adults, £3 child. 09.30 - 21.00 except Tuesday 09.30 - 18.00. W/E 10 00 - 21.00. December 14th - Feb 20th. Tel: 01-828 2768.

## OPERA & BALLET

COLISEUM S 836 3161 CC 240 5258. ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA. Ton't 7.00 Der Rosenkavalier. Tomor 7.30 last perf The Barber of Seville.

Royal Festival Hall 928 3191. CC 928 8800. Until 16 January. Eves 7.30pm. Sats Mats 3.00pm. LONDON FESTIVAL BALLET THE NUTCRACKER (Schaufuss) Ton't: Mulligan / Schaufuss / Johnson / Gee / Onzia / Grant / Pettinelli. Tickets from £4 50

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE 240 1066/1911. Stdby Info 836 6903. S CC 65 amphi seats avail on the day. Ton't 7.30 THE ROYAL BALLET Giselle. Ballet casting info 01 240 9815. Tomor 7.30 THE ROYAL OPERA L'Italiana in Algeri.

SADLER'S WELLS 278 8916 First Call CC 24 hr 7 day 240 7200 Until Sat. Eves 7.30. Sat 2.30 & 7.30 SADLER'S WELLS ROYAL BALLET The Snow Queen.

## ART GALLERIES

BARBICAN ART GALLERY Level 8 Barbican Centre London EC2 01-638 4141 ext 306 THE EDWARDIAN ERA Until 7 Feb Mon - Sat 10am - 6.45pm. Sun & Bank hols 12 - 6.45pm. Adm £3 conc £1.60.

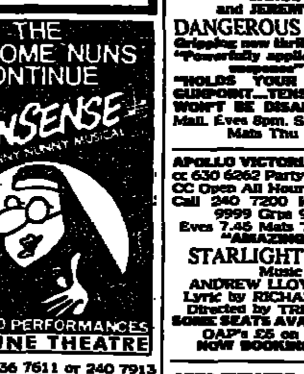
FISCHER FINE ART 30 King St. St. James's, SW1. 839 3942. PATRICK GRAHAM - Bring Flowers, Bring Candles. First London Exhibition. Until 4 March. Mon-Fri 10-5.30

JPL FINE ARTS 26 Davies St. W1. An Exhibition of French Impressionist and Post-Impressionist Paintings. Watercolours and Drawings Until 29th Jan '88 Mon-Fri 10-5.30. Catalogue available Tel: 01-493 2630.

New Art Centre, 41 Sloane St, SW1 01-235 5844. "BARBARA HEPWORTH", Wkdays 10-6, Sats 11-3.

ROYAL ACADEMY OF ARTS, Piccadilly W1. 01-734 9052. Open daily 10-6 inc. Sun. (reduced rate Sun until 1.45). AGE OF CHIVALRY : ART IN PLANTAGENET ENGLAND 1200 - 1400. (SPECIAL CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY FAMILY OFFER until 10 Jan; 1 ADULT - 1 CHILD FREE).

## THEATRES



ADELPHI 836 7611 or 240 7913 /4 CC 741 9999/ 836 7358/ 379 4444 Grp Sales 930 6123 First Call 24hr cc 240 7200 (no bkg fee) NOW BOOKING TO 2 APRIL ME AND MY GIRL THE LAMBETH WALK MUSICAL Nightly at 7.30 Mats Wed at 2.30 & Sat 4.30 & 8.00 "THE HAPPIEST SHOW IN TOWN" S Express

ALBERY 836 3878 cc 379 6565 741 9999 379 4444 240 7200 Groups 836 3962 NICHOLAS LYNDHURST "The deadpan vulnerability of a Laurel or a Keaton. Such shining talent" Daily Mail LARRY SHUE'S HIT COMEDY THE FOREIGNER "WONDERFULLY DROLL!" D Ex "The funniest play of the decade" NY Times Eves 8 Mats Thurs & Sat 3. Matinee today at 3.00. New Booking period to June 11 now open

ALDWYCH 01 836 6404/0641 cc 379 6233/741 9999 First call 240 7200 (bkg fee) Eves 7.30. Saturday 5 & 8.30 FOR A LIMITED SEASON ONLY MICHAEL GAMBON BEST ACTOR OF THE YEAR Standard Drama Award in National Theatre production of A VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE By Arthur Miller Directed by Alan Ayckbourn

AMBASSADORS 01-836 6111/2 cc 836 1171. First Call (24 hrs/7 days) 240 7200 (bkg fee). Eves 7.30, Wed mat 3. Sat 4 & 8 Royal Shakespeare Company's LES LIAISONS DANGEREUSES Winner of 4 "BEST PLAY" awards. Some tickets avail Mats NOW BOOKING TO JUNE

APOLLO 437 2663 CC 434 3598/9 CC with bkg fee First Call 24hr/7 days 240 7200. Open All Hours 379 4444/CCTB 741 9999. JOHN GIELGUD ROSEMARY HARRIS RAY McANALLY THE BEST OF FRIENDS by HUGH WHITEMORE 57 PERFORMANCES ONLY From Thursday 28 January Tues to Sat at 8.00pm Matinee Sat 3.00pm

APOLLO 437 2663 CC 434 3598 CC with bkg fee First Call 24hr/7days 240 7200/CCTB 741 9999/Open All Hours 379 4444 Group Sales 930 6123 "NICELY NERVE-RACKED EVENING" E.Shorter DINSDALE LANDEN CAROL DRINKWATER and JEREMY BULLOCH in DANGEROUS OBSESSION Gripping new thriller by N J Crisp "Powerfully applies the tricks of suspense" Times. "HOLDS YOUR NERVES AT GUNPOINT...TENSION JUNKIES WON'T BE DISAPPOINTED" D. Mail. Eves 8pm. Sat 5.30 & 8.30. Mats Thu 3.00pm

APOLLO VICTORIA SS 828 8665 cc 630 6262 Party bkgs 828 6188 CC Open All Hours 379 4444 1st Call 240 7200 K Prowse 741 9999 Grps 930 6123 Eves 7.45 Mats Tue & Sat 3.0 "AMAZING" Times STARLIGHT EXPRESS Music by ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER Lyric by RICHARD STILGOE Directed by TREVOR NUNN SOME SEATS AVAIL THIS WEEK OAP's £5 on Tues mats NOW BOOKING TO SEPT

ARTS THEATRE Gt Newport St. WC2 836 2132 cc 741 9999 GEORGE BERNARD SHAW'S CANDIDA "Comic through and through" Times. Now Previewing

BARBICAN THEATRE 01 638 8891cc (Mon-Sun 10am-8pm) ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY TODAY. Sat 2.0 & 7.30. Tomor 7.30. THE WIZARD OF OZ 'MARVELLOUS SHOW...MAGICAL' Times Few tickets still avail for today. 18-20 Jan. Further perfs: 21-23 Jan. 8-13, 22-27 Feb. (Groups 930 6123) THE WINTER'S TALE rtns 11 Jan. THE PIT TODAY 2.0 & 7.30 SPECULATORS by Tony Marchant. Students £4.80 in advance. DEATHWATCH/THE MAIDS rtns 11 Jan.

CAMBRIDGE THEATRE Earlham St. WC2 Box Office & CC 01-379 5299 (NO BKG FEE), CC 1st Call 24hr/7 day 240 7200 (NO BKG FEE), CCTB 741 9999 (NO BKG FEE) & Open All Hrs 379 4444 (BKG FEE). Group Sales 930 6123 LULU GEORGE COLE IAN HARVEY PETER PAN Eves 7.30. Mats Tomor, Sat, Mon, Tue & Wed 2.30.

COMEDY 01-930 2578/8778 cc 839 1438 & 741 9999/& CC (bkg fee) 240 7200 Group Sales 930 6123 "A NEW ROMANCE. CAN HARDLY FAIL TO MOVE" City Limits DAVID SUCHET SASKIA REEVES "Very funny. Kill for a ticket" Ms London SEPARATION by Tom Kempinski directed by Michael Attenborough "A BLAZING DUET OF A PLAY...THEY RAISE THE ROOF" Sun Times. Mon-Thu 8.0. Fri & Sat 6.0 & 8.45

COTTESLOE National Theatre 928 2252 Tomor 7.30 ENTERTAINING STRANGERS new play by David Edgar (Promenade Perfs)

CRITERION S 930 3216 CC 379 6565/ 379 4444/741 9999. Groups 836 3962. Eves 8. Thur mat 2.30. Sat 5.30 & 8.30 "BRITISH FARCE AT ITS BEST" D Mail The Theatre of Comedy Company RALPH BATES BRIAN MURPHY LIONEL JEFFRIES RUN FOR YOUR WIFE! LONDON'S LONGEST RUNNING COMEDY Written and directed by RAY COONEY Over 2000 side-splitting perfs "SHOULD RUN FOR LIFE" S. Ex

DOMINION THEATRE 580 8845 580 9562. Tel CC bkgs FIRST CALL 24hr 7 day 836 2428 NO BKG FEE CC 379 4444 or 741 9999 (no bkg fee) Grps 930 6123 DAVE CLARK'S TIME THE ULTIMATE EXPERIENCE THE PORTRAYAL OF 'AKASH' BY LAURENCE OLIVIER Mon-Fri 7.30 Sat 4 & 8.15 SPECIAL CONCESSIONS at £7 all perfs except Fri & Sat eves for OAP's, UB40's, students & under 16's avail from 5pm (Sat from 12 noon) SEATS AVAIL FOR PERF TON'T NOW BOOKING TO APRIL

DRURY LANE THEATRE ROYAL Box Office & CC 01-836 8108. 01-240 9066/7. First Call 24hr 7 day cc bkgs on 01 240 7200 (no bkg fee). Open All Hours 01 379 4444 (no bkg fee) David Merrick's 42ND STREET A SHOW FOR ALL THE FAMILY Winner of all the best Musical Awards for 1984 voted BEST MUSICAL STANDARD DRAMA AWARDS voted BEST MUSICAL LAURENCE OLIVIER AWARD voted BEST MUSICAL PLAYS & PLAYERS LONDON THEATRE CRITICS AWARD Evgs 8.0 Mats Wed 3.0, Sat 5.0 & 8.30. Reduced price mat Weds. Students and OAP's standby. Group Sales 930 6123 4TH GREAT YEAR

DUKE OF YORKS 836 5122 cc 836 9837/379 4444/240 7200/ 741 9999 Grps 930 6123 AGATHA CHRISTIE'S AND THEN THERE WERE NONE "QUITE IRRESISTIBLE" D Mir "A STUNNINGLY ORIGINAL PLOT" D Tel. "A TRUE COMEDY THRILLER" LBC Eves 8 Mats Thu 3 Sat 5

FORTUNE THEATRE 836 2238 cc 741 9999 Evgs Mon-Fri 8pm Sat 8.30 Mat Thurs at 3pm/Sat 5pm NUNSENSE THE FUNNY NUNNY MUSICAL 'A Great Big Embrace of Fun' BBC 'Wacky & Totally Entertaining' ILR 'Phenomenal Success' DNews Bkg Fee 1st Call 240 7200 Open All Hours 379 4444 Grp Sales 930 6123 Over 300 Perfs MUST END JAN 16 PRIOR TO WORLD TOUR

GARRICK 379 6107 cc 379 4444 (24hr no bkg fee), 741 9999 (no bkg fee) 240 7200 (bkg fee) WILLIAM GAUNT ROWENA ROBERTS IAN TALBOT WHEN DID YOU LAST SEE YOUR...TROUSERS? by Ray Galton & John Antrobus Eves 8. Mats Tues 3. Sat 5 OVER 300 PERFS! THE NEW HIT COMEDY. NOW BOOKING TO MAY

GLOBE THEATRE 01 437 3667/ 741 9999. First Call 240 7200 (bkg fee). MAGGIE SMITH Nominated best actress: Olivier Awards MARGARET TYZACK in LETTICE AND LOVAGE nominated best play: Olivier Awards a new comedy by PETER SHAFFER with RICHARD PEARSON directed by MICHAEL BLAKEMORE Mon-Sat 7.45 sharp. Sat Mat 3.00

GREENWICH THEATRE 01-858 7755. cc 01 853 3800 (no bkg fee) Evenings at 7.45. Mat Sat 2.30 BELLS ARE RINGING The Comden & Green/Styne Musical. "A tonic...LESLEY MACKIE radiates gaiety...well partnered by RAY LONNEN" Gdn. "Most welcome" F.Times.

HAMPSTEAD 722 9301 BETWEEN EAST AND WEST by Richard Nelson. Eves 8 pm. Sat 4.30 & 8pm. "One of the year's best new plays... superlatively directed" Gdn. Extended until 16 Jan.

HAYMARKET THEATRE ROYAL Box Office & cc 01-930 9832 MICHAEL HORDERN IRENE WORTH "A comic gem" Gdn. "A glorious performance" D.Tel and MICHAEL DENISON "...Nimble and Mercilessly Perceptive" S. Times in YOU NEVER CAN TELL by Bernard Shaw Toby Robertson's "splendidly choreographed production" D.Tel Evgs 7.30 Mats Weds & Sats 3.00 First Call 24hr 7-day cc bkgs 01-240 7200 (bkg fee) Open All Hours 01-379 4444 (bkg fee) Group Sales 01-930 6123

HER MAJESTY'S Haymarket 839 2244 CC 24hr (bkg fee) 379 4444/240 7200 Grp Sales 930 6123 ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S AWARD WINNING MUSICAL THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA DAVE WILLETTS CLAIRE MOORE MICHAEL BALL Rebecca Caine plays Christine at certain performances Directed by HAROLD PRINCE Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3 Only Balcony Seats £7.50 remain for Wed Mats July-Sept

KINGS HEAD 226 1916 EASY VIRTUE by NOEL COWARD with Avril Angers, Jane How & Ronald Stevens Tues - Fri Show 7.45 Dnr 6.45 Sat Show 3 00, 7.45 Lunch 2.00, Dnr 6.45. Sun Show 3.00. Lunch 2.00.

LONDON PALLADIUM 01-437 7373 Daily 2.30 & 7.30 TOMMY & BOBBY CANNON BALL with MARTI WEBB Derek Griffiths Barbara Windsor Cheryl Baker Peter Howitt with John Inman in the Lavish New Production of BABES IN THE WOOD with Special Guest Star ROD HULL & EMU "THE BEST PANTOMIME I HAVE EVER SEEN" F.Times Major CC accepted. First Call 24 hr 7 day cc bkgs. 01-240 7200 Open All Hours 01-379 4444 CCTB 01-741 9999 (No bkg fee) Group Sales 01-930 6123 Special Party Concessions apply Box Office.

LYRIC HAMMERSMITH 01 741 2311. Eves 7.30 Mats Wed & Sat 2.30 LYLE. 10.30 & 2.00 (no mats Wed & Sat) BUTTON MOON. LYRIC STUDIO THE FROGGITS Eves 8pm (2 shows - call Box Office for details).

LYRIC W1 437 3686/734 5166 "A Clowning Glory" Sun Exp. RUSS ABBOT ONE FOR THE ROAD By Willy Russell Mon-Fri 7.30 Sat 5.0 & 8.0 Mats Wed 3.0 1st Call 24 hr 7 day cc 240 7200. Open All Hours 379 4444 (Bkg fee) CCTB 741 9999 (Not Bkg Fee) Grps 930 6123. From Jan 11 Evgs 7.30 Fri & Sat 5.30 & 8.30

LYTTELTON National Theatre 928 2252. Ton't 7.45 WAITING FOR GODOT by Samuel Beckett. Tomor 7.45 FATHERS & SONS.

MAYFAIR CC 629 3036 379 4444 Mon Thu 8 Fri & Sat 5.40 & 8.10 RICHARD TODD in "The Best Thriller for years" S Mir THE BUSINESS OF MURDER "An unabashed winner" S Exp "Sensational" Times 7TH THRILLING YEAR!

MERMAID THEATRE 01-236 5568/ 638 8891/ 741 9999/ First Call 240 7200 (Groups 930 6123) ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY TODAY. Sat 2.0 & 7.30. Tomor 7.30 THE ROVER by Aphra Behn "JOYOUS ENTERTAINMENT" D. Mail. FINAL PERF 16 Jan.

NATIONAL THEATRE CC 01-928 2252 CC Agencies, bkg fee: 379 4444/240 7200/741 9999 See OLIVIER/LYTTELTON/ COTTESLOE Cheap seats days of perfs from 10am.

NEW LONDON Drury Lane WC2 405 0072 CC OPEN ALL HOURS 379 4444. Tkts from W H Smith Travel Branches. Eves 7.45 Tue & Sat 3.00 & 7.45 THE ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER /T.S. ELIOT MUSICAL CATS Group Bookings 01 930 6123 or 01 405 1567. NOW BOOKING TO JUNE

OLD VIC 928 7616 cc 261 1821 From 15 January ANDROMACHE by Racine directed by JONATHAN MILLER LIMITED SEASON - BOOK NOW

OLD VIC 928 7616 cc 261 1821 Until Sat. Ton't & Tomor 7.30 Sat 4.00 & 7.45 Nominated for 4 Laurence Olivier Awards 1987 "THE BEST MUSICAL IN LONDON" NY Post Royal Shakespeare Company in KISS ME KATE with JAMES SMILLIE NICHOLA McAULIFFE TIM FLAVIN "COLE PORTER'S GLORIOUS MUSICAL" D.Tele. CC Nos (bkg fee) Open All Hours 379 4444/1st Call 240 7200/KP 741 9999. Grp Sales 930 6123 Transfers to Savoy Theatre 15 Jan

OLIVIER National Theatre 928 2252. Today 10.30 & 2.00 THE PIED PIPER musical show for children by Adrian Mitchell. Ton't 7.00 ANTONY & CLEOPATRA by Shakespeare. Tomor 6.00 COUNTRYMANIA.

PALACE THEATRE 434 0909 CC OPEN ALL HOURS 379 4444 First Call 24Hr 7 Day cc 240 7200 Grp Sales 930 6123 "THE SHOW OF ALL SHOWS" Newsweek Winner of 8 Tony Awards inc BEST MUSICAL LES MISERABLES THE MUSICAL SENSATION Eves 7.30 Mats Thu & Sat 2.30 Latecomers not admitted until the interval "FIGHT TO GET A TICKET" LBC NOW BOOKING TO SEPT 24

PICCADILLY 437 4506 CC 379 6565/4444 Open All Hours/ 741 9999 Grp 836 3962. "AN UNSTOPPABLE SUCCESS" D. Express BLUES IN THE NIGHT Nominated MUSICAL OF THE YEAR CAROL WOODS Nominated BEST ACTRESS In a Musical Laurence Olivier Award 87 LOW PRICE SHOWS FRI & SAT 6.30. Mon-Thu 8. Fri & Sat 6.30 & 9.

PLAYHOUSE 839 4401. CC 240 7200/379 4444 (24 hrs bkg fee) & CC 741 9999 (bkg fee). Season Ext'd Jan 30 IAN McKELLEN ACTING SHAKESPEARE "Glorious, Infectious, Exhilarating, Fun-filled" D Mail Eves 8pm Fri & Sat 6.30 & 9pm Tkts £5 - £14.80 ALL PROCEEDS TO LONDON LIGHTHOUSE AIDS HOSPICE

PRINCE EDWARD 734 8951 ALL tel cc bkgs FIRST CALL 24 hour 7 day on 836 3464 Grp Sales 930 6123. Mon-Sat 7.30 Mats Thurs & Sat 2.30 BEST MUSICAL 1986 Drama Magazine CHESS "A GRAND MASTER OF A SHOW" Newsweek Now booking to July APPLY DAILY FOR RETURNS

PRINCE OF WALES 839 5989 GEMMA CRAVEN EMILE BELCOURT RODGERS & HAMMERSTEIN'S SOUTH PACIFIC Previews from January 9 Opens January 20 at 7.00 Monday - Saturday 7.30 Matinees Wed & Sat 2.30 Credit Cards 1st Call 01 836 3464 Group Sales 930 6123

QUEENS 734 1166/0261/0120 cc 741 9999 24hr 7day cc 240 7200 (bkg fee) Grps 930 6123. FRANK FINLAY WENDY CRAIG BEYOND REASONABLE DOUBT "BRILLIANT" PA "A TRIUMPH" D Exp "A SMASH HIT" The People by JEFFREY ARCHER DAVID LANGTON JEFFRY WICKHAM ANDREW CRUICKSHANK Directed by DAVID GILMORE Mon-Fri 8 Mat Thu 3 Sat 5 & 8.30 NOW BOOKING TO SEPTEMBER Some good seats available for Matinee today

ROYAL COURT S CC 730 1745. Till 23 Jan. Tilda Swinton in MAN TO MAN by Manfred Karge. Mon-Sat 8pm. Sat Mat 4pm.

ROYALTY 01 831 0660 CC 01 240 7200 (bkg fee) Until Jan 30. Today. tomor. Sat 2.30pm. 6.30pm, Mon 2pm, 6.30pm Tues, Wed 10.30am. 2pm WINNIE THE POOH by AA Milne. "The genuine article... enchantment" Jack Tinker D. Mail "Enchanting" D. Express.

SADLERS WELLS 278 8916 Please see Opera/Ballet Section.

SAVOY THEATRE 836 8888. CC & Groups 379 6219, 836 0479/ 741 9999. First Call 240 7200 (bkg fee). Group Sales 930 6123 CHARLTON HESTON "Undeniable Magnificence" Ind GWEN WATFORD BENJAMIN WHITROW and ROY KINNEAR In the Chichester Festival Theatre production of A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS "This fine play" D.Mail BY ROBERT BOLT "Genuinely moving" Guardian DIRECTED BY FRANK HAUSER Eves 7.30. Mats Wed & Sats 2.30 LAST 3 DAYS!

SAVOY THEATRE 01-836 8888 CC 379 6219/836 0479. CC (with bkg fee) Open All Hours 379 4444/First Call 240 7200/CCTB 741 9999. Nominated for 4 Laurence Olivier Awards 1987 "THE BEST MUSICAL IN LONDON" N.Y. Post Royal Shakespeare Company in KISS ME KATE with JAMES SMILLIE NICHOLA McAULIFFE TIM FLAVIN "COLE PORTER'S GLORIOUS MUSICAL" D.Tel Eves 7.30, mats Wed & Sat 3.00 Transfers to the Savoy on 15 Jan. (at The Old Vic until 9 Jan)

ST MARTIN'S 01-836 1443. Special CC No. 379 4444. Evgs 8.0 Tues 2.45, Sat 5.0 and 8.0 36TH YEAR OF AGATHA CHRISTIE'S THE MOUSETRAP

SHAFTESBURY THEATRE 379 5399 24hr cc 379 4444/240 7200/741 9999 (bkg fee) Group Sales 930 6123 WINNER BEST MUSICAL 1987 Standard Drama Awards & Drama Magazine Awards DIANA RIGG JULIA McKENZIE DANIEL MASSEY DAVID HEALY & DOLORES GRAY FOLLIES The Sondheim/Goldman Musical "A TRULY FANTASTIC EVENING" F.T. Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3. APPLY DAILY FOR RETURNS Box office phones open 9am-9pm Discounts available for groups for Wed Mats.

STRAND 836 2660 cc 836 4143/5190 1st Call 24hr 240 7200 (bkg fee). Grps 930 6123 BARRY HUMPHRIES "THE GREATEST COMIC ENTERTAINER OF OUR TIME" Ind in BACK WITH A VENGEANCE! "BY FAR THE FUNNIEST NEW SHOW OF THE YEAR... PHENOMENAL. EXPLOSIVE AND ENTERTAINING" Obs Mon-Fri 7.30 Sat 2.30 & 8. Season extended to April 9

STRATFORD UPON AVON (0789) 295623. ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY at RST. Measure For Measure Mat Today 1.30. Julius Caesar Ton't 7.30. The Taming of the Shrew Tomor 7.30. Twelfth Night Mat Sat 1.30. Merchant of Venice Sat 7.30. Swan Theatre, The New Inn Mat Today 1.30. Hyde Park Tonight 7.30. The Revenger's Tragedy Tomor 7.30. The Jew of Malta Mat Sat 1.30. Titus Andronicus Sat 7.30. Stop - Over Meal/ticket package (0789) 414999.

VAUDEVILLE 836 9987 CC 836 5645 240 7200/379 4444 KENNETH GRAHAME'S SUPERB WIND IN THE WILLOWS Daily at 2 & 5. Last Week.

VAUDEVILLE 836 9987/5645 Red. price prevs. from Jan 15 Opens Jan 21 at 7.0 PAULINE COLLINS in SHIRLEY VALENTINE By Willy Russell Directed by Simon Callow Evgs 7.30 Mats Wed 2.30 1st Call 24hr 7 day cc 240 7200 (bkg fee) CCTB 741 9999 (no bkg fee)

VICTORIA PALACE Box Office & cc 834 1317/828 4735 cc 741 9999 379 4444 First Call cc 240 7200 24hr 7 day Grp Sales 930 6123 "A WONDERFUL EVENING OUT... I'M HIGH ON HIGH SOCIETY" S.Times PATRICK RYECART ANGELA RICHARDS STEVEN PACEY JULIE OSBURN HIGH SOCIETY Directed by Richard Eyre "PURE MAGIC" D.Exp Mon-Fri 7.45 Wed Mat 3 Sat 4.45 & 8.15 LAST 2 WEEKS!

WESTMINSTER 01-834 0283/4 CC 834 0048/240 7200 (bkg fee) Another magical journey into Narnia - Today - Sat 3pm, 6.30pm Mon 2pm, 6.30pm Tues, Wed 10.30am, 2pm. THE VOYAGE OF THE DAWN TREADER

WHITEHALL off Trafalgar Sq. 01 930 7765 CC 379 6565/379 4444 /741 9999/240 7200 (bkg fee) Mon - Fri 8 pm. Wed Mat 3.00. Sat 5 & 8.15 HINGE & BRACKET in Oscar Wilde's THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST Directed and adapted by Lou Stein "Moments to savour" Fin Times

WYNDHAM'S 836 3028 CC 379 6565/4444 (no bkg fee) and 741 9999/240 7200 (bkg fee) Groups 836 3962. Royal Court production of Caryl Churchill's SERIOUS MONEY Directed by Max Stafford-Clark Winner BEST COMEDY Standard Drama Awards 87 Nominated PLAY OF THE YEAR Laurence Olivier Awards 87 "PURE GENIUS" D. Tel Mon to Thu 8.0 Fri 3.0 & 8.15, Sat 4.0 & 8.15

## CINEMAS

CURZON MAYFAIR Curzon St 499 3737. Yves Montand in MANON DES SOURCES (PG) Film at 1.15 (not Sun) 3.50 6.00 8.30. "It has the mark of a classic" Times.

CURZON PHOENIX Charing Cross Rd 240 9661 Yves Montand & Gerard Depardieu in JEAN DE FLORETTE (PG) Film at 1.15 (not Sun) 3.50 6.00 8.30.

CURZON WEST END Shaftesbury Avenue W1 439 4805. ALEC GUINNESS & DEREK JACOBI in LITTLE DORRIT (U). Part 1: Mon, Wed Fri 7.30 Tue, Thu, Fri, Sat 2.30 Sun 3.30 Part 2: Tue, Thu, Sat, Sun 7.30 Mon & Wed 2.30. Limited Season only.

LEICESTER SQUARE THEATRE 930 5252 (Enq)/930 7615 (24 hr Access/ Visa/ AmEx Bookings) PREDATOR (18) Sep progs Daily 11.10 1.40 4.10 6.50 9.45. All progs bookable in advance.

MINEMA 45 KNIGHTSBRIDGE 235 4225 CROCODILE DUNDEE (15) Daily: 3.0 5.0 7.0 9.0.

ODEON HAYMARKET (839 7697) WISH YOU WERE HERE (15) Sep progs Daily 11.40 1.55 4.15 6.35 9.05. All seats bookable in advance. Access and Visa telephone bookings welcome.

ODEON LEICESTER SQUARE (930 6111) Info 930 4250 / 4259. SPACEBALLS (PG) Sep progs Doors open Daily 1.00 3.20 5.45 8.15. All progs bookable in advance. Credit Card Hot Line (Access/Visa/Amex) 930 3232 or 839 1929. 24 hour service.

ODEON MARBLE ARCH (723 2011) PREDATOR (18) Sep progs Doors open Daily 1.15 3.40 6.05 8.30. Evening performances bookable in advance.

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# TELEVISION AND RADIO

Compiled by Peter Dear and Jane Rackham

## BBC1

**6.00** Ceefax AM.
**6.35** Edgar Kennedy in Wall Street Blues (b/w) **6.55** Weather.
**7.00** Breakfast Time with Sally Magnusson, Jeremy Paxman and John Stapleton. Includes national and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; regional news and travel reports at **7.15, 7.45** and **8.15**; and weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25**.
**8.35** Make 'Em Laugh (r). **8.55** Regional news and weather.
**9.00** News and weather followed by **Open Air.** Eamonn Holmes receives viewers' comments on yesterday's television programmes. To participate ring 061-814 0424. **9.20 Kilroy.** Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject.
**10.00** News and weather followed by **The Flintstones** (r) **10.25 Children's BBC.** Andy Crane with programme news and birthday greetings followed by **Play School** (r), and **The Wombles** (r).
**10.55** Five to Eleven. Joanna Lumley with a reading **11.00 News** and weather followed by **Open Air** presented by Bob Wellings and Susan Rae.
**12.00** News and weather followed by **Daytime Live.** Magazine programme presented by Pamela Armstrong, Alan Titchmarsh and Ross Davidson **12.55** Regional news and weather.
**1.00** One O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. Weather. **1.30 Neighbours.** Shane celebrates his being let off the hook.
**1.50** The Thorn Birds. Episode four of the five-part dramatization of Colleen McCullough's best-selling novel and Meggie, on holiday on the Great Barrier Reef, unexpectedly receives a visit from Ralph (r). (Ceefax)
**3.25** Paddles Up. The ladies' heat of the international white water canoeing competition on the River Dee in North Wales.
**3.50** Jimbo and the Jet Set (r) followed by **The ChuckleHounds** (r) **4.05 SuperTed** (r). **4.15 Jackanory.** Rik Mayall with part four of Roald Dahl's *George's Marvellous Medicine.* **4.25 Around the World with Willy Fog.**
**4.55** Newsround with Helen Rollason and Roger Finn **5.05 Blue Peter.**
**5.35** Neighbours (r).
**6.00** Six O'Clock News with Sue Lawley and Nicholas Witchell. Weather.
**6.35** London Plus.
**7.00** Top of the Pops introduced by Simon Bates and Mike Reid.
**7.30** EastEnders. Pat Wicks is summoned to a family conference by Lou. (Ceefax)
**8.00** Tomorrow's World includes a report from Shanghai on how the city's authorities are dealing with the problem of their smelly river; and news of a professor who lectures with the aid of a computerized speech synthesizer.
**8.30** Mastermind. The opening heat of the 16th series, presented by Magnus Magnusson. The specialist subjects are the Earl of St Vincent, the British thoroughbred, the Duchy of Burgundy 1363-1477, and Dunstan 909-988.
**9.00** Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. Regional news and weather.
**9.30** The Fall and Rise of Reginald Perrin. Reggie lays plans for the most ambitious venture of his life and begins looking for staff who will take him to the top (r).
**10.00** Question Time. Sir Robin Day's guests are David Blunkett, Brenda Maddox, Malcolm Rifkind and Ian Wrigglesworth.
**11.00** The Untouchables (b/w). Eliot Ness and his team of incorruptibles do battle with racketeers who force shopkeepers to stock their products. Starring Robert Stack.
**11.50** Weather.

## ITV/LONDON

**6.00** TV-am includes cartoons and, at **7.00** and **8.00 Good Morning Britain** introduced by Mike Morris.
**8.30** G'Day Britain presented by Anne Diamond in Australia.
**9.25** Thames news headlines.
**9.30** Give Us a Clue. Celebrity charades game presented by Michael Parkinson. Joining Lionel Blair and Liza Goddard are Lysette Anthony, Christopher Biggins, Frazer Hines, Roger Kitter, Judy Loe and Jessica Martin. **10.00 Santa Barbara 10.25 News** headlines.
**10.30** The Time. . . The Place. . . David Williams chairs a discussion on a topical subject **11.10 Puddle Lane. 11.25** Thames news headlines.
**11.30** Hometown. In this first of a new series Roy Hudd talks to older citizens of Darlington who reminisce about the town's past **12.00 The Sullivans.**
**12.30** News **12.50** Thames news.
**1.00** Chain Letters. Word association game. **1.30 Falcon Crest.** Drama serial about the wine-producing folk of California **2.25 Home Cookery Club.** Turkey Parcels.
**2.30** All Our Yesterdays. On the 25th anniversary of the *World in Action* programme Bernard Braden looks back at earlier editions of the series.
**3.00** Gems. Drama serial set in London's fashion business scene **3.25** Thames news headlines **3.30 Sons and Daughters.**
**4.00** Creepy Crawlies. Paul Nicholas tells the story of *The Great Slidificator* **4.10 Five Minute Wonder 4.20 Sooty 4.45 Dennis.** Cartoon adventures of a young man who always attracts trouble.
**4.50** The Book Tower. The first of a new series of the books-for-children series **5.15 Blockbusters** presented by Bob Holness.
**5.45** News **6.00** Thames news.
**6.30** Emmerdale Farm.
**7.00** Sporting Triangles. A new series of the sports quiz, presented by Nick Owen. The resident team captains are Jimmy Greaves, Tessa Sanderson and Andy Gray.
**7.30** Just for Laughs. Clips from a selection of British comedy films.
**8.00** Strike it Lucky. Lighthearted quiz game using the latest technology.
**8.30** Bless This House. Vintage domestic comedy series (r).
**9.00** This Week Special: Hungerford — the Lessons. John Taylor investigates why Michael Ryan was able to kill so many people and why the police did not stop him. Using tapes of police radio messages, the programme pulls together the minute-by-minute events of that fateful day last August.
**10.00** News at Ten **10.30** Thames news headlines.
**10.35** The City Programme. Will the Dee Corporation be able to fight-off Barker and Dobson's £2 billion take-over bid? And financial forecasts for 1988 from, among others, Lord Hanson, Stanley Kalms and Cyril Stein.
**11.05** Snooker. The last quarterfinal matches in the Mercantile Credit Classic in Blackpool.
**12.15** 01- for London. A critical guide to the capital's diversions.
**12.45** Prisoner: Cell Block H. Drama series set in an Australian women's prison.
**1.40** Kojak. The detective meets an aggressive son of a long-time criminal.
**2.30** News headlines followed by **Too Close for Comfort.** Comedy series.
**3.00** Film: The Hand (1981) starring Michael Caine as a cartoonist who has his drawing hand severed in an accident. When a replacement is put on strange things begin to occur. Directed by Oliver Stone.
**5.00** ITN World News **5.30** CNN Headline News. Ends at **6.00.**

## BBC2

**9.00** Ceefax **12.30** Open University **1.20** Bertha (r).
**1.35** Charlie Chaplin in Shanghaied (1915, b/w).
**2.00** News and weather followed by **Adventure: Mexican Madness.** A documentary about Mexico's, Rio Balsas Power Boat Marathon (r).
**2.50** Holiday Outings. Former chief constable John Alderson samples a sleuthing weekend in Harrogate (r).
**3.00** News and weather followed by **Great Collectors.** The Oriental art collection of Seiji Hatakeyama who devotes himself to learning the ancient skills of those artists whose work he collects (r). **3.50 News,** regional news and weather.
**4.00** Catchword. Word game.
**4.30** Royal Institution Christmas Lectures. Professor D Phillips, in the fourth of six lectures on Crystals and Lasers, discusses Making Lasers.
**5.30** Holiday 88 (r).
**6.00** Battlestar Galactica: Greetings from Earth. Episode one of a two-part science fiction adventure.
**6.50** The Education Programme. A report on the North of England Education Conference, the theme of which was "in search of excellence", which was attended by some 400 professional educators and local politicians.
**7.20** Schubert. The BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra and the BBC Welsh Chorus conducted by Andrew Davis perform Schubert's Mass in A flat, D678, recored in Tewkesbury Abbey. With Rosemary Hardy (soprano), Diana Montague (mezzo), Martyn Hill (tenor) and Stafford Dean (bass).
**8.10** The War in Korea. (Ceefax) (see Choice).
**9.00** Yes, Prime Minister. Jim Hacker is having trouble with the lady leader of an inner London borough council. (Ceefax)
**9.30** 40 Minutes: Convictions. (Ceefax) (see Choice)
**10.10** Now — Something Else — Again. Comedy starring impressionist Rory Bremner (r).
**10.40** Newsnight
**11.25** Weather.

## CHANNEL 4

**12.00** Business Daily. Business and financial news service presented by Susannah Simons.
**12.30** Just 4 Fun. Children's programmes **1.00 Sesame Street.** Series for pre-school children. The guest is Lily Tomlin.
**2.00** Young and Old. A documentary about the fascination of ships for all generations. A young boy is taken on a trip to the Belfast shipyards by his grandfather who is a retired shipbuilder. The lad is taken on a trip on board a steam powered boat and discovers a world he thought had long disappeared (r).
**2.30** Women in View. A repeat of yesterday's first edition of a current affairs series for women. Presented by Jackie Spreckley and Tess Woodcraft.
**3.00** Snooker. Quarter-final action in the Mercantile Credit Classic introduced by Tony Francis.
**5.00** Film: Kipps (1941, b/w) starring Michael Redgrave. H.G.Wells's story of a draper's assistant who, after being dismissed from his job, inherits a fortune and tries to use his money to gatecrash small seaside town society at the turn of the century. With Phyllis Calvert and Diana Wynyard. Directed by Carol Reed.
**7.00** Channel 4 News.
**7.50** Comment from Malcolm Turnball, Peter Wright's lawyer. Followed by **Weather.**
**8.00** The New Enlightenment. Part one — The Death of Socialism (r).
**8.30** Two Men in a Balloon. The story of Richard Branson and Per Lindstrand's historic hot air balloon flight from the United States to Europe.
**9.30** Film on Four Take 2: Heat and Dust (1982) starring Julie Christie, Shashi Kapoor, Christopher Cazenove and Greta Scacchi. A young woman researcher inherits letters written in the 1920s by her aunt in India, spurring the young woman into discovering more about her obviously sensual relative. Directed by James Ivory (r). (Oracle).
**11.55** Film: The Killing Floor (1984, colour and b/w) starring Damien Leake. Drama about the events leading up to the 1919 Chicago race riot. Directed by Bill Duke. Ends at **2.10.**

# Korea's forgotten war

TELEVISION CHOICE

● When British troops set out for Korea in 1950, many of them had barely heard of the place and few knew anything about it. They went reluctantly, feeling the war was an American affair and no business of Britain, and their converted liner took a leisurely eight weeks to get there. Altogether 16 nations fought in Korea under the banner of the United Nations but most of them provided only a token force. The bulk of the fighting, from first to last, was done by the Americans. Almost as many American lives were lost as in Vietnam, but with little of the outcry, mainly, perhaps, because the horrors of the conflict were not relayed nightly on television screens back home. But if the first contingent of American troops, hastily air-lifted in from Japan, wondered if the war was winnable or even worthwhile, the American Administration had no doubts. President Truman saw the Russian-backed invasion from North Korea as a possible prelude to World War Three and made up his mind to stop it. **The War in Korea** (BBC2, 8.10pm) is a four-part history written and fronted by Max Hastings. His commentary, brisk and informative, is supplemented by film from the period and the reminiscences of participants. A prologue covers the story of Korea up to 1950, its 35 years as a satellite of Japan and the post-war partition. Two underestimated leaders, Truman and Clement Attlee, are both shown justifying the war, Attlee with uncharacteristic passion. The Russian blunder was to have walked out of the United Nations Security Council therefore being unable to exercise its veto against UN action. Convinced of the rightness of the war, the Americans were embarrassed at having to shore up the corrupt dictatorship of South Korea's Syngman Rhee. To start with the forces of the north swept all before them and the first contingent of American troops, poorly trained and ill equipped, retreated with huge losses. Conditions were so terrible that GIs found themselves forced to drink from car radiators or rice paddies contaminated with human excrement. In time the sheer weight of American men and equipment would roll the northern armies back. But the price would be a heavy one.

**An American soldier offers his rations to a wounded Korean child and his mother (The War in Korea: BBC2, 8.10pm)**

● Due to have been shown last year but postponed because one of the participants was due to appear in court, the **40 Minutes** film *Convictions* (BBC2, 9.30pm) makes a cogent contribution to the debate about crime and punishment. The brothers Brian, Philip and John Jales are small-time criminals who have spent much of their lives in prison. They can plausibly claim that their future was determined for them. They grew up on an estate where most people were in trouble with the law, where police raids were common and hating the police was natural. Felt ignored at school, they threw chairs and overturned tables and played truant. Almost inevitably they drifted into crime. Brian, the eldest, has a family to support and admits he would rather be working honestly and bringing home a pay packet. But the temptations of an easy robbery or handling bent gear are too strong. Philip, at 16 the youngest, is another loser, stealing cars and continually on the run. But the middle brother, John, is the dominant personality, both charming and violent. Brian says John has it in him to kill. Paul Watson's film, graphic and shocking, does not judge but leaves us to decide whether these men are villains or victims.

**Peter Waymark**

# Open-minded radio days

RADIO CHOICE

● Confined to bed with flu — the closed season for nose and eyes but mercifully not for ears — I have been able to appreciate the full extent of BBC Radio's open season. And I must say that this current experiment in broadcasting *glasnost* is working well both as a P.R. exercise for network bosses and as a firing range for listeners. There is no question in my mind that the highlight of the week so far was Radio 4's **Call Nick Ross** on Tuesday. Encircled though he was by Top Brass, Ross remained so unawed by the occasion that he even managed to turn devil's advocate (Hell, on this occasion, being represented by the phoners-in), put his own needle-sharp questions to the assembled Controllers and what is more, prefaced them with words like "Can you honestly put your hand on your heart and say . . .?". It is Radio 2's output that comes under close scrutiny in today's **Jimmy Young Show** (Radio 2, 11am) with the network's Controller Bryant Marriott, as one of the Big Three who, if the Radio 1 and 4 experience earlier in the week is anything to go by, will need to have all the relevant facts and figures at their finger tips — or else.

**Robert Robinson chairs Masterbrain (R4, 12.25pm)**

● And talking about getting facts and figures right, there is a remarkable display of memory retention in **Masterbrain** (Radio 4, 12.25pm), a clever amalgam of BBC Television's *Mastermind* and BBC Radio *Brain of Britain*, involving winners and runners-up from both these ordeals. Listening to the original transmission of this battle of the know-alls last Monday night, I became painfully aware that whereas I *did* know what the capital of Fiji is, and how the ears of a hare differ from those of a rabbit, I was not on the same planet, let alone galaxy, as the superbrains whose good-natured clash is so amiably refereed by Robert Robinson.

● Musical highlights of the day: The Bavarian State Opera production of Shakespearean Verdi in **Falstaff** (Radio 3, 7pm), and Shakespearean Mendelssohn, **A Midsummer Night's Dream,** (Radio 3, 11.10pm).

**Peter Davalle**

**Shashi Kapoor in the film Heat and Dust (C4,9.30pm)**

## VARIATIONS

**BBC1** WALES: 5.35pm-6.00 Wales Today 6.35-7.00 Neighbours 11.50-11.55 News and weather SCOTLAND: 10.50am-11.00 Dotaman 6.35pm-7.00 Reporting Scotland NORTHERN IRELAND: 5.35pm Today's Sport 5.40-6.00 Inside Ulster 6.35-7.00 Neighbours 8.30-9.00 Our Jimmy 11.50-11.55 News and weather ENGLAND: 6.35-7.00 Regional news magazines

**ANGLIA** As London except: 12.50pm-1.00 News 1.30-2.30 Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) 6.00-6.30 About Anglia 10.35 Folio 11.05 12.15am Prisoner: Cell Block H 1.15-2.30 Film: The Impersonator* 5.00 Beyond 2000 6.00 Closedown.

**BORDER** As London except: 12.50pm-1.00 News 1.30-2.30 Paul Coia Show 3.30-4.00 The Young Doctors 6.00-6.30 Lookaround 10.35 English Dance Theatre 11.05 Snooker 12.15am Closedown.

**CENTRAL** As London except: 12.00-12.30pm The Young Doctors 12.50-1.00 News 1.30-2.30 The Love Boat 6.00-6.35 News 10.30 The Man Who Wants to Change the World 11.00 Snooker 12.15am Sportsworld 1.15 Film: An Early Frost 3.00 News, Jobfinder.

**CHANNEL** As London except: 12.50pm News 1.00 Problem Page 1.30 Country Practice 2.00-2.30 The Sullivans 3.00-3.30 Chain Letters 6.00-6.30 Channel Report 10.35 Emergency 999 10.40 Hitchcock Presents 11.00 Party with the Rovers 11.35 Snooker 12.15am Jack Hudson 12.20 The Baron 1.15 Closedown.

**GRAMPIAN** As London except: 12.50pm-1.00 News 6.00-6.30 North Tonight 10.35 America's Top Ten 11.05 Crann Tara 11.35 Snooker 12.15am News, Closedown.

**GRANADA** As London except: 12.50pm-1.00 Granada Reports 1.30-2.30 Country Practice 3.30-4.00 The Young Doctors 6.00 Granada Reports 6.25-6.30 This Is Your Right 10.30 Granada Reports 10.35 9 to 5 11.05 Snooker 12.15am Closedown.

**HTV WEST** As London except: 12.50pm-1.00 News 1.30-2.30 Country Practice 6.00-6.30 News 10.35 West This Week 11.15 Weekend Outlook 11.20 Snooker 12.15am Closedown.

**HTV WALES** As HTV West except: 6.00pm-6.30 Wales at Six 10.35 Kooga Live at the Parc and Dare 11.05-12.15am Snooker.

**SCOTTISH** As London except: 12.50pm-1.00 News 1.30-2.30 A Country Practice 3.30-4.00 Encounter 6.00-6.30 Scotland Today 10.35 Curling 11.35 Snooker 12.20am Late Call, 12.25 Closedown.

**TSW** As London except: 12.50pm-1.00 News 1.30 Wish You Were Here...? 2.00-2.30 A Woman's Place 6.00-6.30 Today 10.32 Jazz 11.00 Snooker 12.15am Postscript, Closedown.

**TVS** As London except: 12.50pm News 1.00 Problem Page 1.30 Country Practice 2.00-2.30 9 to 5 3.00-3.30 Chain Letters 6.00-6.30 Coast to Coast 10.35 Emergency 999 10.40 Alfred Hitchcock Presents 11.05 Agenda 12.15am Employment Action! 12.20am The Baron 1.15 Company, Closedown.

**TYNE TEES** As London except: 12.50pm-1.00 News 6.00-6.30 Northern Life 10.32 I Spy 11.30 Snooker 12.15am Breaking Through 12.25 Closedown.

**ULSTER** As London except: 12.50 Newstime 1.30pm-1.00 Short Story Theatre 2.00-2.30 Out of Town 3.30-4.00 Cover Story 6.00 Six Tonight 6.20-6.30 Police Six 10.35 Counterpoint 11.05 Snooker 12.15am Newstime, Closedown.

**YORKSHIRE** As London except: 12.00-12.30pm Lunchtime Live 12.50-1.00 News 1.30-2.30 Carson's Law 6.00-6.30 Calendar 10.35 Tales from the Darkside 11.05 Snooker 12.15am *Film:* Nighthawks 2.00 Jobfinder 3.00 Closedown.

**S4C** Starts: 10.25am Film: The Ghost Train* 12.00 Business Daily 12.30pm Making the Most Of... 1.00 Sesame Street 2.00 Sea Wars* 2.30 Woman in View 3.00 Snooker 4.10 Fflatabalam 4.25 Hafoc 5.00 Family Ties 5.30 I Dream of Jeannie 6.00 Brookside 6.30 Moneyspinner 7.00 Newyddion Saith 7.30 Margaret Williams 8.00 Ffermio 8.30 Dinas 9.05 Y Bont 9.35 Hill Street Blues 10.30 Three Cheers for Darkened Rooms 11.30 Return to Glennascaul* 11.55 Film: Killing Floor 2.05am Closedown.

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## Radio 1

**MW** (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see below)
News on the half-hour from **6.30am** until **8.30pm**, then at **10.00** and **12.00** midnight
**5.30am** Adrian John **7.00** Mike Smith's Breakfast Show **9.30** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat (Frank Partridge) **12.45** Johnnie Walker **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat **5.45** Bruno Brookes **7.30** Simon Mayo **9.00** My Top Ten Classic (Andy Peebles talks to Billy Connolly) **10.00-12.00** Andy Kershaw **VHF** Stereo Radios 1 and 2:- **4.00am** As Radio 2 **10.00pm** As Radio 1 **12.00-4.00am** As Radio 2.

## Radio 2

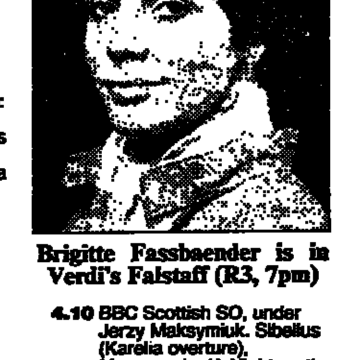
**MW** (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see Radio 1)
News on the hour.
**4.00am** Bill Rennells **5.30** Ray Moore **7.30** John Stalker **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Jimmy Young (incl phone-in to Radio 2 Controller Bryant Marriott — see Choice) **1.05pm** David Jacobs **2.00** Katie Boyle **3.30** Adrian Love **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Wally Whyton introduces Country Club **9.00** Paul Jones with Rhythm and Blues **10.00** Inman and Friends (new series) **11.00** Brian Matthew **1.00am** Patrick Lunt **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music.

## WORLD SERVICE

All programme times given in GMT. **6.00am** Newsdesk **6.30** Londres Matin **7.00** News **7.09** 24 Hours **7.30** They Sold a Million **7.45** Network UK **8.00** News **8.09** Reflections **8.15** Country Style **8.30** John Peel **9.00** News **9.09** Review of British Press **9.15** World Today **9.30** Financial News, Sports Roundup **9.45** Story of English **10.00** News **10.01** Assignment **10.30** Flying the Flag **11.00** News **11.09** News About Britain **11.15** New Ideas **11.25** A Letter from England **11.30** Londres Midi **12.00** Radio Newsreel **12.15** Multitrack 2 **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** News **1.09** 24 Hours **1.30** Network UK **1.45** Stuart Colman's Record Hop **2.00** Outlook **2.45** Write On . . . **3.00** Radio Newsreel **3.15** The Pleasure's Yours **4.00** News **4.09** Commentary **4.15** Assignment **4.45** World Today **5.00** News **5.09** A Letter from England **5.15** English by Radio **5.45** Londres Soir **6.30** Heute Aktuell **8.00** News **8.09** 24 Hours **8.30** Meridian **9.00** News **9.01** Talking From . . . **9.15** A Jolly Good Show **10.00** News **10.09** World Today **10.25** A Letter from England **10.30** Financial News **10.40** Reflections **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.09** Commentary **11.15** Seven Seas **11.30** Time for Verse **11.40** Farming World **12.00** News **12.09** News About Britain **12.15** Radio Newsreel **12.30** Music Now **1.00** News **1.01** Outlook **1.30** Stuart Colman's Record Hop **1.45** Talking From . . . **2.00** News **2.09** Commentary **2.15** Health Matters **2.30** Citizens **3.00** News **3.09** News About Britain **3.15** World Today **3.30** Vintage Chart Show **4.09** Newsdesk **4.30** Six Four *Eight* **4.35** Financial News **4.45** Morgenmagazin **5.45** World Today.

## Radio 3

**6.55** Weather **7.00** News
**7.05** Morning Concert: Dvorak (Suite in A, Op 98b: RPO under Dorati), Strauss (Serenade, Op 7: Netherlands Wind Ensemble, under Edo de Waart), Grainger (Fantasy on Porgy and Bess: Katia and Marielle Labeque, pianos)
**8.00** News bulletin
**8.05** Morning Concert (part two): Saint-Saens (Phaeton: Philharmonia under Charles Dutoit), Nielsen (Three Pieces, The Mother: Athena Ensemble), Schubert (the Trout Quintet: members of Amadeus Quartet, with Gilels (piano)
**9.00** World Service News
**9.10** This Week's Composer: Bruch. Seven Part Songs, Op 71 (BBc Singers); and the Scottish Fantasy (Cho-Liang Lin, violin, with Chicago SO under Slatkin)
**10.10** BBC Concert Orchestra, under Starek. Smetana's Bartered Bride overture), Novak's Slovak Suite, Op 32; and Suk's Fairy Tale Suite, Op 16
**11.25** Mediterranean: American pianist Ann Schein plays Scarlatti sonatas in G, Kk 427; in C, Kk 159; and in C minor, Kk 11. Also Liszt's Tarantella, from Venezia e Napoli
**11.45** Robert Mayer Concert for young people: Jane Glover introduces London Mozart Players and Eugene Sarbu (violin) in performances of Rossini's Tancredi overture; first movement of Mozart's Symphony No 40; second and third movements of Beethoven's Violin Concerto; and Prokofiev's Symphony No 1
**1.00** News
**1.05** Birmingham Concert: Richard Hickox Singers, boys' voices of St Chad's RC Cathedral Choir, boys' voices of Birmingham Cathedral Choir, and Ian Watson (organ). Britten's A Hymn to the Virgin; A Boy Was Born; A New Year Carol; and Britten's arrangement of The Holly and the Ivy; and Michael Berkeley's Verbum caro factum est
**2.00** CBSO Wind Ensemble, under Simon Rattle. Mozart's Serenade in B flat, K 361; Stravinsky's Symphonies for wind instruments; and Grainger's A Lincolnshire Posy
**3.30** Matisse Piano Quartet: Bridge (Phantasie in F sharp minor). Martinu (Piano Quartet No 1)



**Brigitte Fassbaender is in Verdi's Falstaff (R3, 7pm)**

**4.10** BBC Scottish SO, under Jerzy Maksymiuk. Sibelius (Karelia overture), Mussorgsky (A Night on the Bare Mountain), Stravinsky (excerpts from the Fairy's Kiss ballet music)
**5.00** World Service News
**5.10** Mainly for Pleasure: Brian Kay presents a selection of recorded music
**6.25** Bandstand: Besses o'th' Barn Band under Roy Newsome perform Bliss's Belmont Variations, and Howells's Three Figures **6.55** News
**7.00** Falstaff: Verdi's three-act opera, sung in Italian. Lorin Maazel conducts the Bavarian State Orchestra and Chorus of the Bavarian State Opera. The principals are Juan Pons (title role), Brigitte Fassbaender, Birgit Calm, Pamela Coburn, Angela-Maria Blasi, Eduardo Ville, Wolfgang Brendel and Claes H. Ahnsjö (see Choice)
**9.25** Don Juan: third reading by Ronald Pickup from the work by Byron. Tonight: Shipwreck (r)
**10.00** Music In Our Time: Lontano, under Odaline de la Martinez, with Linda Hirst (mezzo), perform James MacMillan's The Road to Ardtalla; Malcolm Hayes's Into the Darkness, Erika Fox's Shir, and Janet Graham's Until the Sunset Hour
**11.10** A Midsummer Night's Dream: BBC SO under Dennis Russell Davies, with BBC Singers, and soloists Tracey Chadwell and Pamela Priestley-Smith, in a performance of the incidental music to the play by Shakespeare (see Choice)
**11.57** News **12.00** Closedown

## Radio 4

**5.55** Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming **6.25** Prayer (s)
**6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** News **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.00, 8.00** News **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought For The Day
**8.42** More Wrestling Than Dancing, with David Moreau (4): Where'er You Walk **8.57** Weather; Travel
**9.00** News
**9.05** Alistair Cooke's American Songbook! Some of the songs from 200 years of American history which have interesting stories behind them (r)
**10.00** News; The Natural History Programme, with Fergus Keeling
**10.45** An Act Of Worship (s)
**11.00** News; Travel; Citizens: New Year's Resolutions by Marcia Kahen (s)
**11.25** My Hero: Cliff Morgan talks to the orchestral conductor Jane Glover about the people who have most influenced her (r)
**11.50** Lines of Communication: Patrick Hannan with an amusing look at the perils of language
**12.00** News; You And Yours, with John Buckley
**12.25** Masterbrain: A special challenge match between the 1987 winners (Ian Sutton and Jeremy Bradbrooke) and runners-up (Peter Richardson and Michael Billson) of the Brain of Britain and Mastermind competitions (see Choice) **12.55** Weather
**1.00** The World At One presented by Nick Worrall
**1.40** The Archers (r)
**1.55** Shipping
**2.00** News; Woman's Hour: presented by Jenni Murray. Includes an interview with The Rhythmn Sisters, advice for new mothers and part 4 of the serial Fiela's Child, read by Sean Barrett
**3.00** News; Rainey Shines, by Michael Z Lewin. An American living in England turns his hand to detective work when he discovers a dead body in the country guest house he and his wife are managing. With Stephen Thorne, Bill Wallis and Melinda Walker (s)
**4.00** News
**4.05** Bookshelf: Nigel Forde investigates the market research that goes into the design of a book's dust-jacket
**4.35** Kaleidoscope: Items on the Temba Theatre Company's production Black Love Songs and the period comedy film The Woo Woo Kid (r)
**5.00** PM presented by Robert Williams and Frances Coverdale **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather
**6.00** News with Eugene Fraser, incl Financial Report
**6.30** My Music: Steve Race chairs the musical panel game played by John Amis, Frank Muir, Ian Wallace and Denis Norden (s)
**7.00** News
**7.05** The Archers
**7.20** Any Answers? An opportunity to comment on some of the subjects in last week's Any Questions? Introduced by Brian Gear
**7.30** The Chamberlain Trilogy. A tragic tale, told by Enoch Powell, about "radical Joe" Chamberlain and his two sons, Neville and Austen. With Arnold Peters, John Samson and Karen Archer (r)
**8.15** Funny You Should Sing That: some of the more peculiar comic songs of the past 100 years, from Cedric Hardwicke to Nellie Wallace. Written and presented by Jeremy Nicholas (r)
**9.00** Does He Take Sugar: magazine of special interest to the disabled. Presented by Kati Whitaker
**9.30** Treasures! Gems from the BBC Sound Archives, with Glyn Worsnip (r)
**9.45** Kaleidoscope: Presented by Paul Allen. Features the Painters of Camden Town exhibition at Christie's, a preview of BBC2's The Vision, and an item on Man to Man at the Royal Court
**10.15** A Book At Bedtime: Bevis, by Richard Jefferies (episode 4 of 15) **10.29** Weather
**10.30** The World Tonight presented by Richard Kershaw
**11.15** The Financial World Tonight
**11.30** A Woman's Touch: Cécile Dusett plays piano music by Fauré, Debussy and Satie (records) (s) (r)
**12.00** News; Weather **12.33** Shipping
**VHF** as above except: **1.55-2.00pm** Listening Corner (s) **5.50-5.55** PM (continued).

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### Boost for depressed areas

# Regions to share £230m EEC aid

**By John Spicer, Employment Affairs Correspondent**

Birmingham, West Lothian and other areas throughout the country are to share grants from the European Commission totalling nearly £230 million.

The money will help pay for industrial and environmental schemes, many already under way, which are expected to create a total of more than 40,000 new jobs.

In two separate announcements yesterday, the commission gave details of grants ranging from £113 million for Birmingham to £3.3 million for Northern Ireland.

Within minutes, Birmingham City Council said the money would give a "significant boost" to its five-year development plan. The whole project is expected to produce 30,000 jobs by the end of 1991.

The council said without the commission's £113 million grant the whole project would have been on a far smaller scale.

The next largest beneficiary in terms of job creation will be West Lothian, where the commission expects its grants, totalling £26.7 million up until 1990, will provide employment for 4,000 people, with a possible further 800 jobs being created by the development of tourism.

The first announcement detailed grants from the European Regional Development Fund amounting to £109.67 million in respect of 45 large investments in industry and infrastructure throughout the United Kingdom.

**Wales:** receives nearly £23 million for 11 investments. Grants to industrial investments will help create 770 new jobs and preserve a further 100. Swansea City Council will get £4.9 million towards the construction of the Tawe Barrage.

Clwyd County Council receives £4.2 million towards the construction of a new road/rail crossing at Deeside, permitting the redevelopment of the reclaimed Shotton steelworks for industry, which the community says, will create 3,000 new jobs. In 1980, when the Shotton steelmaking plant was closed down, 8,000 jobs were lost.

Tax threat........................2

**Yorkshire and Humberside:** grants totalling £16.33 million will help create 800 new jobs in Bradford and Scunthorpe.

A grant of £9.7 million has been made in respect of the electrification of the East coast mainline railway by British Rail where it passes through Doncaster. In addition, a further £16.7 million has been awarded in the North towards the part of the line which passes through Tyne and Wear.

**Northern Ireland:** A grant of £3.3 million for the provision of a new roll on/roll off facility in Belfast Harbour.

**West Midlands:** Grants totalling £4.55 million awarded to five investments, including more than £2 million to Coventry City Council for the Far Gosford Street relief road.

**North-west:** aid totalling nearly £9 million has been awarded for eight projects. Grants for infrastructure improvement include £3.3 million to Wigan council towards the conversion of a former textile mill into the Gidlow Mill Training Centre which will provide training facilities for some 2,000 students employed in local industry.

**South-west:** grants totalling nearly £4.2 million for two investments in industry, which are expected to create 265 new jobs.

**Birmingham:** According to the commisision, the aim of the community interest programme is to reverse the decline of Birmingham's traditional industries and the resulting unemployment by revitalizing the city's economy and improving its ageing physical infrastructure.

**Scotland:** seven investments have been granted totalling more than £18 million. Four of these are in industry and will help to create 1,795 new jobs, the commission said. Among the grants are £9.9 million to the Western Isles cable connection, which will provide electricity to the Western Isles and the Isle of Skye from the mainland.

**West Lothian:** Under this programme, the regional development fund has already contributed £1.4 million and will grant the remaining £26.7 million between now and 1990.

# UK near top of cash league

**From Richard Owen, Brussels**

As the European Commission released figures yesterday showing that Britain is high in the league table of recipients of EEC regional aid, EEC officials said that citizens of the Common Market, including those in Britain, did not fully appreciate the benefits that they received from the regional funds.

"Their membership of the Common Market does not only bring financial headaches, as some people seem to think," one official said. "There are pluses, too."

The figures show that since the EEC Regional Development Fund (ERDF) was established in 1975, Britain has received a total of £3,024 million in regional aid, second only to Italy, which received £4,025 million.

Officials pointed out however that Britain is the second largest net contributor to the EEC budget after West Germany, and that to some extent it was therefore justified that Britain should receive a substantial amount of regional aid.

The enlargement of the EEC to include Spain and Portugal has made inroads into the British segment of the regional fund, since the philosophy of EEC regional aid is weighted toward the southern states. This will be a controversial issue at the special summit called for February 11 and 12 in Brussels, when Mrs Thatcher will confront other EEC leaders over spending plans and the EEC budget crisis.

In 1987, according to the Commission's figures, Italy again topped the league table for aid with £520 million, with Spain in second place at £418 million and Britain in third place with £286 million

Projects for which money was allocated to Britain last year (1987) include a new railway line for Manchester, aid for Birmingham's motorways, a grant for a new ferry in Scotland and road projects in Wales. Scotland and the north received the bulk of regional aid granted to Britain between 1975 and 1987, but Northern Ireland, Yorkshire and Humberside and the Midlands also benefited.

# The new family at St Paul's

The new Dean with his wife Linda, daughters Alexandra (left), Georgina (right) and collies (Photograph: Chris Harris).

**By Our Religious Affairs Correspondent**

**The new Dean of St Paul's, announced by the Prime Minister's office yesterday, is to be the Archdeacon of Cheltenham, the Ven Eric Evans.**

**He described himself as more conservative than his predecessor, the Very Rev Alan Webster, but expressed the hope that it would not be seen as a "state" appointment.**

**Mr Evans is a High Churchman, with a few friends in the Conservative Party but not himself a member — though he is a member of the Carlton Club.**

**St Paul's is regarded as the premier deanery in the kingdom, and a politically sensitive position. It falls to Mrs Margaret Thatcher to nominate a new dean to the Crown, but Mr Evans pointed out there had been extensive consultations in the church and he was sure he was acceptable to it.**

**It is unlikely that there will be protest in the church at a "political" appointment, for Mr Evans already holds senior positions which made him a probable choice for promotion.**

**He is aged 59, a member of the General Synod of the Church of England, an *ex officio* member of its standing committee, and chairman of the Council for the Care of Churches. It is understood that much more obviously "political" candidates were on the Prime Minister's short-list for St Paul's, including the controversial dean of Peterhouse, Cambridge, the Rev Edward Norman.**

**He was educated at St David's College, Lampeter, St Catherine's College, Oxford, and St Stephen's House, Oxford. He is married with two daughters, and his wife, Mrs Linda Evans, raises pedigree Border Collies — three of which were with the family when they visited St Paul's yesterday.**

# Church battle over gay centre

**By Clifford Longley**
**Religious Affairs Correspondent**

Church authorities in London are taking legal action to force the closure of the headquarters of the Lesbian and Gay Christian Movement at St Botolph's Church, Aldgate.

The Archdeacon of London, Canon George Cassidy, has entered an objection to the granting of a faculty for the use of St Botolph's church tower by the gay movement, and there is likely to be a full hearing at a Consistory Court in the spring.

Opponents of homosexuality in the church have already made the use of these premises an issue. The Rev Anthony Higton, who proposed the resolution against homosexuality at the last meeting of the General Synod, has called for the movement's office and bookshop to be closed.

Yesterday, Canon Cassidy said that he objected to the leasing of church premises for office purposes without a faculty, a certificate granted by the Chancellor of the diocese permitting certain changes in church premises, and also to its specific use by the gay movement.

"This is not a witch-hunt, and is not based on the General Synod debate. There is a great feeling of sensitivity on the whole question, on the part of the Chancellor and of the Bishop of London and the diocese as a whole."

The gay movement has used St Botolph's tower as its base for 11 years. Mr Malcolm Johnson, rector of St Botolph's, said: "We think it would be quite wrong to ask the Lesbian and Gay Christian Movement to go".

# Attack on Runcie set for debate

A report to the General Synod of the Church of England on the *Crockford's* preface affair, which culminated in the suicide of Dr Gareth Bennett, the preface's author, is to be prepared by the Synod's standing committee at its meeting at Church House, Westminster, today.

This would set the stage for a debate in the General Synod at its next meeting in February, likely to be one of its most tense sessions.

The standing committee has 31 members of which Dr Bennett was one. Of these, 12 are ex officio, including the Archbishops of York and Canterbury, the Prolocutors (chairmen) of the Convocations of York and Canterbury, and the chairman and vice chairman of the House of Laity.

One seat is reserved for a Church Estates Commissioner, and the remaining 18 are elected by the Synod, two being bishops, and the rest equally divided between clergy and laity. The ex officio members also include the chairmen of the Synod's main boards and committees.

# Soviet city drops name of 'unperson' Brezhnev

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Supreme Soviet and the Soviet Government.

The ruling followed Mr Mikhail Gorbachov's repeated denunciations of the 18-year Brezhnev era as a period of stagnation and corruption which was to blame not only for the Soviet Union's current serious economic ills but also for its moral decay. Moves have already been made to shift the Brezhnev Old Guard from positions of power.

Under the new edict, three of the four places named after Brezhnev by a resolution passed in November, 1982, following his death, will return to their original names, the city of Naberezhnye Chelny, the Cheryomushki district of Moscow and the Krasnogvardeyskaya Square in Leningrad. A new square in Moscow named after Brezhnev will now be called something else.

Over the past two years, there has been a growing clamour from Soviet intellectuals for the restoration of historical names to ancient cities and towns, like Naberezhnye Chelny.

The renaming of Cheryomushki ("cherry trees") which is regarded as one of the more fashionable Moscow suburbs was particularly unpopular with Moscovites who blamed Brezhnev for increasing food shortages during the 1970s.

Only recently, the historical name was restored to the town of Izhevsk which had been clumsily renamed Ustinov in memory of Brezhnev's close friend and Defence Minister, Dmitry Ustinov.

# Fire safety tags ignored by stores

**Continued from page 1**

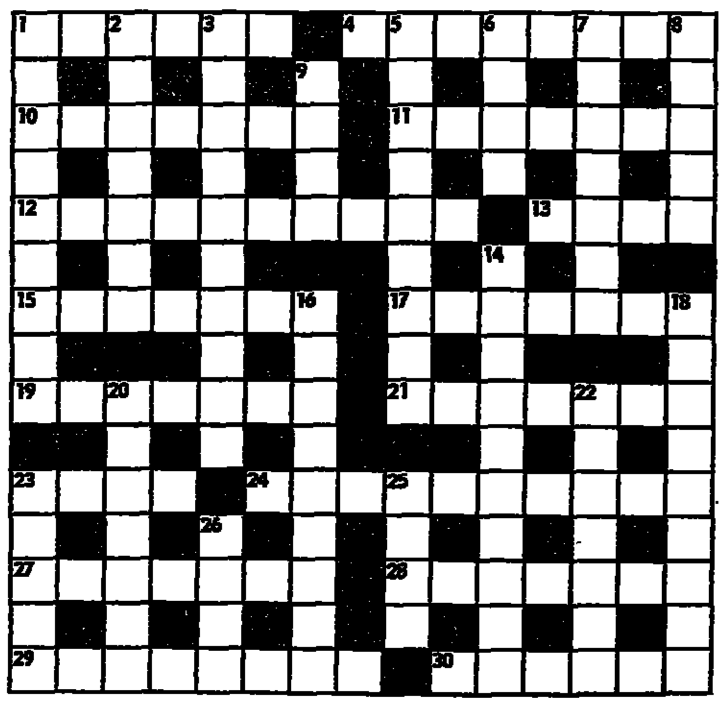
In Sofas and Sofa-Beds near by, just one sofa carried a prominently-displayed red label.

The salesman at the VHP Furnishers and Home Pride at the Elephant and Castle, where most items carried a red label, said his sofas would resist cigarettes and it would take a "very strong open flame" to set them alight.

At the up-market furniture store, Heal's, some furnishings carried red labels but many were left unlabelled. At Maple's, also in the Tottenham Court Road, most furniture carried red labels and some items carried green labels. But the salesmen was able to confirm that his sofas contained polyurethane foam only after asking his manager. It was left to Terence Conran's Habitat catalogue to spell the message out more clearly than any salesman or woman did.

The catalogue says: "One thing that must be remembered — regulations will never mean the item is fireproof, only that it is fire-retardant and will stop the spread of flames for a limited time."

## THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 17,559



**ACROSS**

1 One sometimes seen in pool, skilled in key strokes (6).
4 Vaulting ambition may be to keep this up (8).
10 Composition in A (7).
11 Governor's boy is beyond wickedness (7).
12 Finally making large shoe? (2,4,4).
13 Murderer I put in prison (4).
15 They help observer see schooners, say (7).
17 Model workers who resisted investment (7).
19 Describe consequence of close vote (7).
21 Rifle I sloped as ordered (7).
23 Fool about, grabbing the King's dagger (4).
24 Castle in Hebrides he adapted (10).
27 He scored every season (7).
28 Woodcutter covers a distance in China by degrees (3,4).
29 Cure mild disorder — this is instrumental (8).
30 Artist removing end on the way in (6).

**DOWN**

1 Square cape (9).
2 Joint cover for boy and girl (7).
3 Slightly mistimed order before fighting starts (7,3).
5 Changed it internally, like 24 (9).
6 Group containing only one bit of church (4).
7 Two pieces of music — A major — one played (7).
8 Artificial fabric or any alternative (5).
9 The old students cheer (4).
14 Having diabolic control (10).
16 Give up in sea-storm, full of gloom (9).
18 When callow youth goes without hot meals? (5,4).
20 A French composer initially caught ship from Spain (7).
22 Public appearance outside the House (4-3).
23 French artist a saint? Doesn't sound like it (5).
25 Cart seen in distance overturned (4).
26 Centre of defence abandoned in French town (4).

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## WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

### By Philip Howard

ORPHREY
a. A small quail
b. The Easter collection
c. An embroidered band

ETYMON
a. A minor demon
b. An Athenian philanthropist
c. An original meaning

OPPIGNERATE
a. To pawn
b. To attack
c. To offer as an opinion

PUNT
a. To drop out
b. To rip off
c. To boast

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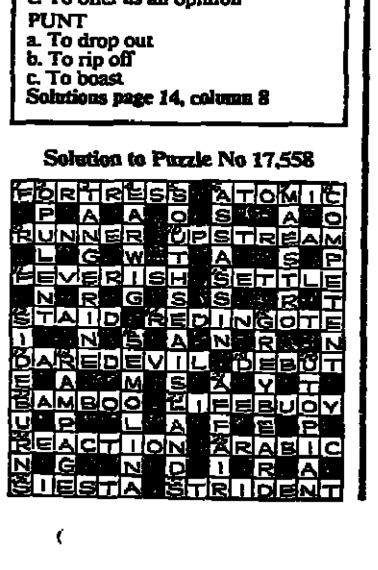
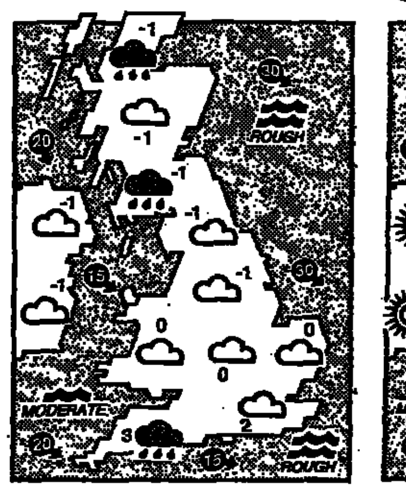
### Solution to Puzzle No 17,558



## WEATHER

**Low pressure in the North Sea will give some eastern areas of Britain a windy and showery day. Across remaining parts there will be bright, dry weather with one or two showers in western areas. It will be generally less windy in southern and western areas and temperatures, after a rather cold start, will be near or a little lower than yesterday. Outlook for tomorrow and Saturday: generally unsettled.**

### AM



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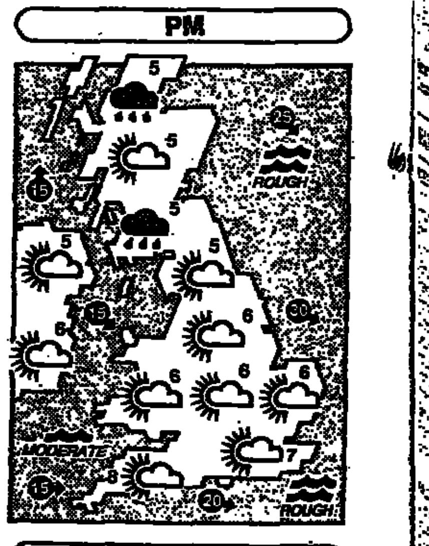

### ABROAD

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder.

| | | C | F | | | C | F |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ajaccio | f | 18 | 64 | Madrid | s | 9 | 48 |
| Akrotiri | s | 17 | 63 | Majorca | c | 17 | 63 |
| Alex'dria | f | 18 | 64 | Malta | s | 17 | 63 |
| Algiers | s | 21 | 70 | Melb'rne | s | 24 | 75 |
| Amst'dm | s | 9 | 48 | Mexico C* | s | 15 | 59 |
| Athens | s | 15 | 59 | Miami* | c | 20 | 68 |
| Barbads* | s | 28 | 82 | Milan | fg | 6 | 43 |
| Barcelna | f | 16 | 61 | Montreal* | s | -11 | 12 |
| Belgrade | s | 14 | 57 | Moscow | c | 1 | 34 |
| Berlin | c | 12 | 54 | Munich | s | 12 | 54 |
| Bermuda* | r | 19 | 66 | Nairobi | f | 24 | 75 |
| Borde'x | f | 10 | 50 | N Delhi | s | 20 | 68 |
| Brussels | s | 10 | 50 | N York* | s | -8 | 18 |
| Budapest | c | 11 | 52 | Paris | f | 9 | 48 |
| B Aires* | s | 31 | 88 | Peking | s | -5 | 23 |
| Cairo | f | 17 | 63 | Perth | f | 24 | 75 |
| C'blanca | f | 19 | 66 | Prague | s | 10 | 50 |
| Chicago* | s | -21 | -6 | Reykjvik | c | -6 | 21 |
| Ch'church | s | 21 | 70 | Rhodes | s | 17 | 63 |
| C'phagn | r | 4 | 39 | Rio de J | c | 32 | 90 |
| Corfu | s | 16 | 61 | Rome | f | 16 | 61 |
| Dublin | f | 4 | 39 | S Frisco* | f | 11 | 52 |
| Faro | s | 15 | 59 | Santiago* | s | 28 | 82 |
| Florence | c | 14 | 57 | S Paulo* | f | 30 | 86 |
| Frankfurt | r | 9 | 48 | Seoul | s | 2 | 36 |
| Geneva | c | 12 | 54 | St'kholm | sn | -1 | 30 |
| Gibraltar | r | 13 | 55 | Strasb'rg | c | 9 | 48 |
| Hong K | f | 17 | 63 | Sydney | s | 26 | 79 |
| Innsbrck | f | 6 | 43 | Tel aviv | c | 14 | 57 |
| Istanbul | fg | 9 | 48 | Tenerife | s | 21 | 70 |
| Jeddah | c | 26 | 79 | Tokyo | s | 7 | 45 |
| Jo'burg* | s | 29 | 84 | Valencia | f | 15 | 59 |
| Karachi | s | 24 | 75 | Vanc'ver* | f | 2 | 36 |
| L Palmas | s | 21 | 70 | Venice | s | 8 | 46 |
| Lisbon | r | 11 | 52 | Vienna | f | 4 | 39 |
| Locarno | r | 5 | 41 | Warsaw | s | 11 | 52 |
| L Angels* | d | 11 | 52 | Wash'ton* | f | -7 | 19 |
| Luxembg | c | 6 | 43 | Wel'ngton | s | 19 | 66 |

* denotes Tuesday's figures are latest available

### AROUND BRITAIN

| | Sun hrs | Rain in | Max C | F | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Scarboro | - | .45 | 7 | 45 | rain |
| Bridlington | 0.1 | .51 | 6 | 43 | shower |
| Hunstanton | 1.2 | .10 | 8 | 46 | rain |
| Lowestoft | 2.5 | .35 | 8 | 46 | rain |
| Clacton | 2.0 | .13 | 9 | 48 | bright |
| Margate | * | * | 9 | 48 | rain |
| Hastings | 1.1 | .23 | 9 | 48 | thundr |
| Worthing | 0.5 | .23 | 9 | 48 | thundr |
| Littlehmptn | 1.2 | .11 | 9 | 48 | thundr |
| Bognor R | 1.3 | .20 | 9 | 48 | rain |
| Sandown | 2.1 | .24 | 9 | 48 | hail |
| Bournemth | 1.6 | .09 | 9 | 48 | hail |
| Poole | 1.9 | .13 | 9 | 48 | hail |
| Swanage | 2.6 | .19 | 9 | 48 | shower |
| Weymouth | 3.1 | .35 | 9 | 48 | shower |
| Exmouth | 0.5 | .12 | 8 | 46 | cloudy |
| Torquay | 4.1 | .18 | 10 | 50 | hail |
| Falmouth | 3.3 | .31 | 8 | 46 | sunny |
| Scilly Isles | 2.1 | .24 | 9 | 48 | shower |
| Newquay | 2.6 | .13 | 9 | 48 | bright |
| Ilfracombe | * | .63 | 9 | 48 | shower |
| Minehead | - | .48 | 7 | 45 | rain |
| Morecambe | - | .42 | 6 | 43 | rain |
| Douglas | * | .99 | 5 | 41 | rain |
| Carlisle | - | .53 | 6 | 43 | rain |
| Nottingham | - | .38 | 6 | 43 | shower |
| Anglesey | - | .90 | 7 | 45 | rain |
| Tenby | 1.2 | .77 | 6 | 43 | cloudy |
| Aberdeen | - | .02 | 5 | 41 | sleet |
| Aviemore | - | .01 | 2 | 36 | snow |
| Eskdalemuir | - | .50 | 3 | 37 | sleet |
| Kinloss | - | - | 5 | 41 | cloudy |
| Lerwick | - | .09 | 5 | 41 | shower |
| Prestwick | 1.5 | - | 5 | 41 | sunny |
| Tiree | 2.5 | .02 | 7 | 45 | shower |
| Wick | - | - | 5 | 41 | shower |

* Denotes figures not available

### HIGH TIDES

| TODAY | AM | HT | PM | HT |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| London Bridge | 3.36 | 6.7 | 4.02 | 6.8 |
| Aberdeen | 3.12 | 3.9 | 3.04 | 4.1 |
| Avonmouth | 9.00 | 12.1 | 9.22 | 11.8 |
| Belfast | 12.46 | 3.0 | 1.02 | 3.5 |
| Cardiff | 8.45 | 11.2 | 9.07 | 10.9 |
| Devonport | 7.26 | 5.3 | 7.46 | 4.9 |
| Dover | 12.41 | 6.4 | 12.50 | 6.1 |
| Falmouth | 6.56 | 5.1 | 7.16 | 4.7 |
| Glasgow | 2.52 | 4.3 | 2.29 | 4.9 |
| Harwich | 1.30 | 3.7 | 1.52 | 3.7 |
| Holyhead | 12.01 | 5.0 | 12.11 | 5.3 |
| Hull | 8.15 | 6.4 | 8.15 | 7.1 |
| Ilfracombe | 7.45 | 8.5 | 8.06 | 8.2 |
| Leith | 4.28 | 5.1 | 4.40 | 5.1 |
| Liverpool | 12.53 | 8.6 | 1.06 | 8.8 |
| Lowestoft | 11.46 | 2.2 | 11.22 | 2.4 |
| Margate | 1.37 | 4.5 | 2.09 | 4.4 |
| Milford Haven | 8.08 | 6.5 | 8.26 | 6.3 |
| Newquay | 6.59 | 6.6 | 7.17 | 6.3 |
| Oban | 7.22 | 3.8 | 7.56 | 3.6 |
| Penzance | 6.27 | 5.4 | 6.48 | 4.9 |
| Portland | 8.32 | 2.0 | 9.07 | 1.7 |
| Portsmouth | 1.13 | 4.3 | 1.15 | 4.2 |
| Shoreham | 12.51 | 5.9 | 12.55 | 5.7 |
| Southampton | 12.40 | 4.2 | 12.39 | 4.2 |
| Swansea | 8.11 | 8.7 | 8.30 | 8.5 |
| Tees | 5.34 | 4.9 | 5.37 | 5.3 |
| W'ton-on-Nze | 1.21 | 3.9 | 1.48 | 3.9 |

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft. Times are GMT

### THE POUND

| | Bank Buys | Bank Sells |
|---|---|---|
| Australia $ | 2.645 | 2.505 |
| Austria Sch | 21.65 | 20.55 |
| Belgium Fr | 64.75 | 61.55 |
| Canada $ | 2.42 | 2.30 |
| Denmark Kr | 11.88 | 11.28 |
| Finland Mkk | 7.80 | 7.20 |
| France Fr | 10.41 | 9.91 |
| Germany Dm | 3.09 | 2.93 |
| Greece Dr | 270 | 250 |
| Hong Kong $ | 14.45 | 13.75 |
| Ireland Pt | 1.165 | 1.105 |
| Italy Lira | 2265 | 2155 |
| Japan Yen | 243 | 231 |
| Netherlands Gld | 3.465 | 3.295 |
| Norway Kr | 12.00 | 11.35 |
| Portugal Esc | 253 | 240 |
| South Africa Rd | 4.60 | 3.90 |
| Spain Pta | 208 | 197 |
| Sweden Kr | 11.15 | 10.50 |
| Switzerland Fr | 2.51 | 2.38 |
| USA $ | 1.875 | 1.785 |
| Yugoslavia Dnr | 3100 | 2400 |

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

Retail Price Index: 103.4 (November)

London: The *FT* index closed up 0.9 at 1436.0.

### MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 6C (43F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 4C (39F) Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.38 in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, nil.

### LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 9C (48F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 8C (46F) Humidity: 6 pm, 67 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.1 in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 0.9 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 996.0 millibars, rising.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

### HIGHEST & LOWEST

Tuesday: Highest day temp: Guernsey, 13C (55F); lowest day max: Aviemore, Highland, -1C (30F); highest rainfall: Southsea, Hampshire, 1.31 in; highest sunshine: Newcastle upon Tyne, 5.4 hr.

### LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 4.39 pm to 7.35 am
Bristol 4.48 pm to 7.44 am
Edinburgh 4.28 pm to 8.11 am
Manchester 4.37 pm to 7.53 am
Penzance 5.06 pm to 7.50 am

### YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

| | | C | F | | | C | F |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Belfast | s | 5 | 41 | Guernsey | c | 8 | 46 |
| B'mgham | r | 5 | 41 | Inverness | c | 0 | 32 |
| Blackpool | c | 6 | 43 | Jersey | r | 9 | 48 |
| Bristol | r | 6 | 43 | London | f | 9 | 48 |
| Cardiff | r | 6 | 43 | M'chster | c | 5 | 41 |
| Edinburgh | r | 4 | 39 | Newcastle | r | 5 | 41 |
| Glasgow | c | 4 | 39 | R'naldsway | r | 6 | 43 |

| Sun rises: | Sun sets: |
|---|---|
| 8.05 am | 4.09 pm |
| Moon sets | Moon rises |
| 10.07 am | 7.41 pm |

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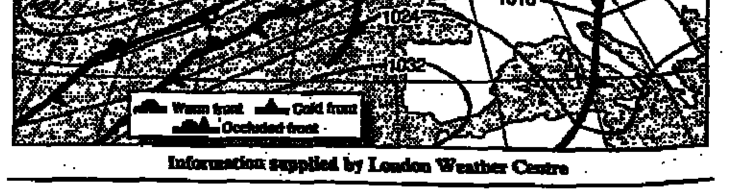
### NOON TODAY



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THURSDAY JANUARY 7 1988

BUSINESS AND FINANCE 17-22
SPORT 30-34

Executive Editor
David Brewerton

STOCK MARKET

**FT 30 Share**
1438.0 (+0.9)

**FT-SE 100**
1787.1 (-2.5)

**Bargains**
29026 (22878)

**USM (Datastream)**
141.28 (+0.49)

THE POUND

**US dollar**
1.8050 (-0.0230)

**W German mark**
2.9783 (+0.0032)

**Trade-weighted**
75.3 (-0.1)

## Robert Horne ahead

Robert Horne Group, Britain's only quoted paper merchant, beat analysts' expectations by increasing profits for the year to end-September by 25 per cent to £13.1 million. The shares gained 10p to 390p.

Turnover advanced 18 per cent to £156.1 million and earnings per non-voting share grew from 20.6p to 26.4p. A final dividend of 5p was proposed which, together with the interim of 2p, gives a 40 per cent increase for the year.

Paper merchanting contributed profits of £12.4 million on sales of £144.2 million. SJ Atkins, the specialist timber supplier acquired in July made a maiden contribution of £98,000.

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## ABP deal

Associated British Ports has purchased the Teignmouth Quay group of companies for £3.4 million. The group owns and operates the port and warehousing facilities in Teignmouth, Devon. The consideration is being satisfied by issuing 400,000 new ABP shares, £1 million in redeemable unsecured loan notes, and £625,000 in cash.

## Habitat chief

Sir Terence Conran, chairman of Storehouse, has given the job of running the Habitat chain to Mr Francis Bruguiere, who has been running Habitat France. Mr Bruguiere joins the main board.

SUMMARY

### STOCK MARKETS

| | |
|---|---|
| **New York** | |
| Dow Jones | 2023.21 (-8.29)* |
| **Tokyo** | |
| Nikkei Average | 22790.5 (+1215.2) |
| **Hong Kong:** | |
| Hang Seng | 2463.02 (+59.80) |
| **Amsterdam:** Gen | 221.3 (+8.0) |
| **Sydney:** AO | 1323.1 (+13.7) |
| **Frankfurt:** | |
| Commerzbank | 1296.4 (+11.9) |
| **Brussels:** | |
| General | 3773.4 (+71.2) |
| **Paris:** CAC | 286.7 (+3.7) |
| **Zurich:** SKA Gen | 429.3 (+3.8) |
| **London:** | |
| FT.—A All-Share | 908.21 (+0.47) |
| FT.— "500" | 1000.32 (-0.22) |
| FT. Gold Mines | 299.3 (+3.4) |
| FT. Fixed interest | 94.39 (-0.33) |
| FT. Govt Secs | 87.76 (-0.61) |
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### MAIN PRICE CHANGES

| | |
|---|---|
| **RISES:** | |
| Trinity Intnl | 690p (+35p) |
| Portals | 257p (+27p) |
| Brent Walker | 313½p (+22p) |
| Authority Inv | 310p (+30p) |
| J Smurfit | 350p (+25p) |
| Standard Chart | 527½p (+33p) |
| Parrish | 375p (+25p) |
| Coates Bros 'A' | 310p (+65p) |
| Securiguard | 195p (+17p) |
| Honda Motor | 614p (+63p) |
| Scottish TV | 389½p (+17p) |
| Yorkshire TV | 240p (+18p) |
| Securicor | 280p (+15p) |
| Pearson | 715p (+15p) |
| Barclays Bank | 502p (+14p) |
| **FALLS:** | |
| J Jarvis | 650p (-25p) |
| Moss Bros | 825p (-25p) |
| Cookson | 534p (-23p) |
| Ladbroke | 332p (-17p) |
| Pearl | 455p (-15p) |
| **Closing prices** | |

### INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 8½%
3-month Interbank 9$\frac{1}{32}$-8$\frac{31}{32}$%
3-month eligible bills: 8$\frac{13}{32}$-8¾%
buying rate
US: Prime Rate 8¾%
Federal Funds 6$\frac{15}{16}$%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.93-5.92%*
30-year bonds 99$\frac{13}{32}$-99$\frac{15}{32}$*

### CURRENCIES

| London: | New York: |
|---|---|
| £: $1.8050 | £: $1.8060* |
| £: DM2.9783 | $: DM1.6490* |
| £: SwFr2.4331 | $: SwFr1.3470* |
| £: FFr10.0719 | $: FFr5.5775* |
| £: Yen233.93 | $: Yen129.60* |
| £: Index:75.3 | $: Index:94.2 |
| ECU £0.693488 | SDR £0.755792 |

### GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $481.60 pm-$481.40
close $485.25-485.75 (£268.75-269.25)
New York:
Comex $483.90-484.40*

### NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Feb.) pm $17.60bbl ($17.80).
* Denotes latest trading price

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# Dollar revival slows down

## 'Nervous' buying keeps rally going

By David Smith and David Watts

The dollar's rally continued yesterday without significant official intervention, helped by commercial buying and reports of secret ranges for the US currency.

But there were signs that the recovery, both in the dollar and in share prices, was running out of steam. Dealers believe that the Group of Seven countries, having halted the dollar's slide, will be reluctant to push it much higher.

A report by NHK, the Japanese Broadcasting Corporation, in Tokyo spoke of a dollar target in the upper half of a Y120 to Y140 range, and a "war chest" of $5 billion each for Japan, West Germany and the United States to support the dollar. It had a dramatic effect on the markets, with the dollar rising strongly.

"I would describe it as panic buying," said one London dealer. "The market is in a very nervous state."

Although few operators have lost significant amounts as a result of the success of the central banks' action this week, the dollar's rally has made them wary of attempting to push it lower, particularly before the US trade figures at the end of next week.

The dollar closed 2.25 pfennigs up at DM1.65 in London, having risen to DM1.67 at one stage. Against the yen it rose from Y126.90 to Y129.60, below its best level of Y131.60. The pound fell by 2.26 cents to $1.8051, a cent up on its low for the day of $1.7950.

The FT-SE 100 index, up by 20 points at one stage, closed with a 6.4 point loss at 1,783.2. On Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average was 1.49 points down at 2,030.01 in early trading.

The Japanese report was not directly substantiated either in Tokyo or in the other G7 capitals. Finance ministry officials in Bonn said that agreement to intervene in the markets on a co-operative basis was implicit in the Group of Seven statement of December 23.

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But they rejected the idea of a formal deal taking in only West Germany, Japan and the United States. Instead, they said, the agreement to intervene involved a wide range of countries, including some outside the Group of Seven.

The officials denied knowledge of specific target ranges for the dollar, but said that a floor for the US currency had been envisaged when ministers and officials were drawing up their statement in December.

Herr Gerhard Stoltenberg, the West German finance minister, said in an interview to be published in *Die Welt* today that the G7 was determined to stabilize currencies.

"This is especially true for the Americans," he said. "That has impressed the markets and led to a change in expectations."

In London, Treasury officials also stressed the flexibility of arrangements between the major countries in intervention, but confirmed that the G7 statement of December 23 implied joint intervention.

The officials said that it remained the Chancellor of the Exchequer's view that US interest rates could have to rise to protect the dollar but added that, for the time being at least, joint intervention appeared to be working.

They added that the Bank of England's failure to intervene in support of the dollar this week was not related to the belief that US interest rates should go higher.

## Nikkei index soars

From David Watts, Tokyo

The Tokyo stock market rebounded sharply yesterday, inspired by a surge in the dollar which saw it strengthen Y2.33 on the day, and indications from the Japanese ministry of finance that it will ease current accounting rules in assessing institutional investors' assets in Tokkin specified money trusts for the current fiscal year, which ends in March.

The ministry's move will allow institutional investors to exclude Tokkin and fund trust appraisal losses in calculating the rate of return on their total assets. At the same time the ministry is to allow such institutional investors to increase their holdings in Tokkin and fund trusts from 3 to 5 per cent.

The Nikkei index, which advanced 358.24 points on Tuesday, recorded its second-largest increase ever, of 1,215.22 points, and ended the session at 22,790.50.

While shares moved steadily upwards, the yen-dollar exchange rate moved across a Y2 band. The market opened at Y128.20 to the dollar, up Y3.40 from the previous day, rising to a high of Y128.50 in half an hour.

The dollar closed at Y127.13, against the Y124.80 close of the previous day.

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## US silence on 'dollar bands'

From Bailey Morris, Washington

United States Treasury officials, in keeping with the administration's policy, declined to comment on a report from Tokyo that the leading currency trading nations had set bands for the dollar in order to stablize the volatile exchange markets.

In addition, Mr Marlin Fitzwater, the White House spokesman, said that he would have no comment following the remarks he made on Tuesday that: "The dollar appears to have stabilized today."

But the New York Federal Reserve Bank has made no secret of its sharp reverse in policy which has resulted in the largest United States market intervention in eight months in a bid to stabilize the dollar.

Echoing the remarks of Herr Gerhard Stoltenberg, the West German finance minister, a high-level United States official said, "I think it is fair to say that the American position has changed. It is no longer one of benign neglect."

It was unclear, however, whether the continued intervention of central banks would be able to withstand another attack on the dollar in the event of further poor United States trade figures.

These are scheduled for release on January 15, and poor unemployment figures, due for release on Friday, would also create downward pressure on the American currency.

Wall Street analysts have estimated that the United States trade deficit in November will be in the range of $15 billion (£8.30 billion) or possibly more, down from the record of more than $16 billion the month previously.

There appeared to be general agreement that a deficit of $14 billion or more would have a strong negative effect on the dollar.

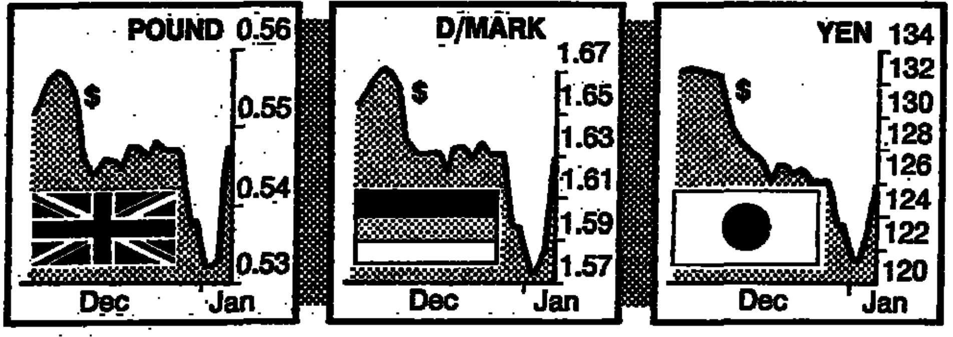
In co-operation with other central banks, the Federal Reserve Board has made it clear to markets that the Group of Seven nations are prepared to intervene heavily, and without warning, to prevent further the dollar's relentless fall.

The report by the Japanese Broadcasting Corporation said that the three nations had each set aside $5 billion for this purpose.

Traders in New York estimated yesterday that total central bank buying on Monday was $1.75 billion and up to $2 billion on Tuesday.

A group of influential traders, noting that the dollar was due for an upward correction for purely technical reasons, said that they doubted the central bank intervention could be sustained effectively

THE DOLLAR BOUNCES BACK



### Gem sales cut through record in crash year

# Diamonds sparkle in the gloom

Annual sales of rough gem and industrial diamonds marketed through De Beers' Central Selling Organization broke records in the year ended December, rising by 20 per cent over the 1986 sales tally to $3.08 billion to give further backing to the saying — despite the stock market crash — that diamonds can be forever.

In South African rands, the currency in which De Beers accounts, the figures were R6.3 billion compared with R5.91 billion in 1986.

The CSO yesterday described 1987 as "a very good year," with strong demand for diamonds from non-dollar countries, especially Japan and West Germany. The previous best year for diamond sales was 1980 when sales totalled $2.72 billion.

But for the financial upheavals caused by stock market events in October, the CSO would have been able to describe 1987 as an "extremely good year."

However, early indications from the all-important December retail market suggest that Christmas sales in the United States were reasonable, and in some cases better than expected, and the overall mood in the diamond industry remains positive.

In anticipation of higher CSO figures, the share price of De Beers advanced by 45p to 555p.

The sales figures are flattered by the 10 per cent price increase introduced in the latter part of the year, and by a full year's benefit of the two price increases made in 1986.

The impact of October is evident by the slight downturn in CSO sales figures covering the second half of 1987. In recent years there has been a slow but certain increase half year on half year in diamond sales. However in the second half of 1987 that trend was arrested.

In the first half of 1987 diamond sales were $1.56 billion compared with $1.34 billion in the preceding six months and $1.21 billion in the first half of 1986.

However in the latest period covering July-December, CSO sales slipped to $1.52 billion to give the year's overall total of $3.08 billion.

The CSO admitted yesterday that because of the uncertainty surrounding the events of October, and in order to preserve trade morale and confidence, it purposely reduced the allocation of rough stones to the professional buyers at the November and December "sights".

In the run up to Christmas, the trade had expected the November sight to have been substantial. There is no indication how much the CSO reduced its November and December allocations, acting in its traditional role of balancing supply with demand and ensuring financial stability within the world's diamond market. Neither is there any indication how the CSO will approach the January "sight" in 10 days' time. This will depend on the mood of the industry and its buyers.

However diamond jewellery sales figures for the first 10 months of 1987 suggest that worldwide jewellery sales were 10 per cent up, and that demand from Japan and the United States was still firm.

A foot in the door: Sophie Mirman who, with her husband, Richard Ross, heads Sock Shop (Photograph by John Rogers)

# Sock Shop beats forecasts

By Colin Campbell

Sock Shop, the niche retailer whose public offering of shares last May was 53 times subscribed, has beaten both its profits and turnover forecast in its first year as a quoted company.

The group, headed in a husband-and-wife team by Ms Sophie Mirman, yesterday announced pretax profits of £1.825 million, compared with a forecast £1.65 million, and a turnover of £13.98 million, compared with the forecast £12.5 million. There is a net dividend of 0.80p a share.

In the previous financial year, Sock Shop reported a turnover of £6.17 million and a pretax profit of £773,000.

The sock, stocking, tights and accessories group, which currently operates out of 59 outlets through Britain, has recently expanded into the United States — and will open further outlets there in the next few months — and has targeted France as a expansion platform into Europe.

Sales in the first three months of the current year have been "most satisfactory, and prospects are viewed with confidence," Ms Mirman said.

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The group estimates it has a 4 per cent market share in Britain, and says the core sock business accounts for 80 per cent of turnover. Accessories, including umbrellas and other items, make up the balance, and are assuming an increasingly important role.

Ms Mirman, who started her working life as a secretary at Marks and Spencer, opened the first Sock Shop in 1983 in Knightsbridge, London.

Sock Shop shares were originally offered at 125p each, and reached their peak level of 270p in June. Yesterday they stood at 210p, down 8p on the day, capitalizing the group at £47.3 million.

## GrandMet raises offer for Martell

By Joe Joseph

Grand Metropolitan, locked in a takeover battle for Martell with Canada's Seagram spirits group, yesterday stepped up the pressure on both the wavering French cognac house and the French government to make a quick decision on a marriage partner by raising its offer for Martell to £391 million.

The British drinks and hotels group filed an initial bid of £368 million with the French stock exchange on New Year's Eve after challenging the validity of a deal that gave Seagram rights on the Martell family's pivotal 41 per cent stake and, therefore, effective control of France's second biggest cognac producer.

Although GrandMet is still awaiting both a ruling from the French Finance Ministry on whether Seagram's private deal flouted France's takeover rules and clearance for it to proceed with its own offer, the company feels that raising the stakes may force a quicker resolution.

Mr Allen Sheppard, GrandMet's chairman, said last night: "It is in the best interests of all concerned, especially the Martell company, to seek an early resolution to the current situation. We have made a full and fair offer for Martell and hope that this initiative will enable the current uncertainties to be resolved quickly. As a major EEC wine and spirits company, we look forward to expanding the sales and prestige of the Martell brand."

The fatter offer is being seen as a clever preemptive strike by GrandMet to make it more difficult for Seagram to re-enter the battle should the French authorities quash the agreement reached between Seagram and Martell's president, M René Firino Martell.

# Underwriters shun BP shares buy-back offer

By Carol Ferguson

Fears that a large amount of the newly-privatized British Petroleum shares would be returned to the Government under the Bank of England's safety net provisions proved groundless yesterday.

There was no last minute dumping by disgruntled underwriters rushing to to take advantage of the Bank's 70p a share offer before it closed at 3pm yesterday.

The Bank made its buy-back offer last November, after the British Government's £7.2 billion offer for sale of its holding in BP flopped.

The Bank has seen a pattern of modest take-up of its offer since Christmas, and a spokesman said last night that this pattern continued yesterday until the offer closed.

Detailed figures will not be available for another two days as shares lodged with local branches of the National Westminster Bank, the Bank of Scotland and the Ulster Bank, have not yet been delivered to the Bank of England, and some shareholders will have posted theirs.

However, most of these shares will be from private investors, very few of whom applied for shares in the original offer.

The big institutions, who took the bulk of the offer on to their books in their capacity as underwriters when the issue flopped last October, and who usually leave such decisions to the last minute, seem to have shunned the Bank's offer and the spokesman said he expected that once the full count was made, that the level of take-up would be very modest.

The Bank or the Treasury will make an announcement in the next few days.

The BP share price rose strongly yesterday in a generally firm oil sector due to firming oil prices and a strong dollar. The price of Brent blend rose 27 cents to $18.55 per barrel, while the dollar strengthened by 2 cents against the pound to $1.80.

Fuelled by speculation about the intentions of the Kuwait Investment Office, the price of the BP partly-paid shares went up to 79p in heavy trading, before they fell back to 76p at the close, 6p above the Bank's offer price

The KIO, which has an 18.35 per cent stake in BP, was rumoured to have been buying

The fully-paid shares rose from 263p to touch 275p during the day, but they closed just a penny up at 264p.

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## BUSINESS ROUNDUP

### Cannon Street goes Dutch for £1.3m

**Cannon Street Investments, the investment holding company, has announced the acquisition for cash of Dunnet International Trading, a Dutch international trader and distributor of surplus computer hardware and consumer electronics. The initial price of DF 14.3 million (£1.3 million) has been computed with reference to a price-earnings ratio of three times 1987 profits. Additional payments will be based on the profits of Dunnet over the three years to December 31 1990, with a maximum payment of DFl 23.4 million (£7 million).**

**The purchase is being made through PST Holdings, a Cannon Street subsidiary engaged in the same business as Dunnet. Cannon Street said yesterday that, by joining the group, the trading position of Dunnet will be enhanced in world markets. Cannon Street also announced a management buy-out at its subsidiary PST Distribution, which, like Dunnet, is involved in the distribution of surplus computer hardware and consumer electronics, for £1.3 million cash.**

### B&C has 80% of Abaco

**British & Commonwealth, the financial services group, received acceptances for 50.2 per cent of Abaco by the first closing date. It already held 29.9 per cent, taking its control to 80.1 per cent. The offer is being held open until January 19. The loan note alternative will remain open for as long as the offer. Abaco owns estate agencies, insurance brokers, loss adjusters and mortgage brokers.**

### Clayhithe's £914,000

**The merged Clayhithe investment company and BETEC engineering group made pretax profits of £914,000 during the first six months to September 30. But it admits that while the stock market crash has had no impact on its trading and property companies, it has knocked the value of some of its quoted investments. Even so, Clayhithe is hoping to bring some of them to the market before long.**

### Zygal soars 108%

**Zygal Dynamics, the USM-quoted supplier of computer equipment and systems, made pretax profits of £722,000 in the half year to the end of October – a rise of 108 per cent on a 7.6 per cent reduction in turnover. The results of Coulson Heron Associates (CHA), which was bought last October, and The Base-Sys Group, acquired last April, were merger accounted.**

**The main reason for increasing profitability on lower turnover was the change in trading pattern of CHA, which saw a significant increase in the sale of high gross margin software products and a reduction in lower margin direct hardware sales. Zygal's balance sheet remains strong with £2 million in cash or on short-term deposit. The order book is at a healthy level and with the traditional trading bias towards the second half, the company is looking forward to a satisfactory outcome to the year.**

### US bid may help Bayer

**Bayer, the West German chemical company could use the takeover bid by the Swiss Hoffmann-La Roche for the US Sterling Drug to recover the US rights to its pharmaceutical products, analysts said. Sterling has owned the US rights to market Bayer's pharmaceutical products since 1919. Now Bayer, which bought back its US industrial trading rights in 1986, wants them back.**

### Swiss risk provisions up

**The Swiss Banking Commission has told banks to increase risk provisions on loans to 50 problem debtor countries to 35 per cent of their exposure from the current 30 per cent by the end of 1988, Herr Kurt Hauri, a director, said. The rule change, contained in a letter sent to banks, was prompted by the continuing debt crisis and by similar moves taken by other countries.**

### EEC cuts 'steel shield'

**The European Community Commission announced two measures yesterday to reduce the shield which surrounds the bloc's steel companies to protect them from competition. The moves are initial steps before possible dismantling of production quotas under which the industry has shared output of leading steel products since 1980. The commission said it was immediately excluding from the quota system all companies with an annual output of less than 200,000 tonnes, compared with the previous lower limit of 36,000 tonnes.**

**In addition, production quotas given to steel companies for the second quarter of this year will be 2 per cent above estimated demand instead of being at projected demand levels. If the quota system was to continue, steel companies must come up with plans by June 10 for the shutdown of plant accounting for three-quarters of the 20.7 million tonnes of overcapacity the commission estimates exists.**

## TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

| First Dealings | Last Dealings | Last Declaration | For Settlement |
|---|---|---|---|
| January 4 | January 15 | April 7 | April 18 |

Call options were taken out on: 6/1/88 North Kalgurli Mines, Acorn Securities, Morgan Grenfell, Dares Estates, B Priest, B P New, Aran Energy, Buckley Brewery, National Westminster Bank, Jaguar, Cable & Wirless.

## ALPHA STOCKS

| | Vol '000 | | Vol '000 | | Vol '000 | | Vol '000 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Abbey | 1,143 | Coats | 2,498 | Land Sec | 1,451 | Rowntree | 668 |
| Alld-Lyons | 2,214 | CU | 2,323 | Laporte | 24 | Royal Bank | 167 |
| Amstrad | 1,106 | Cons Gold | 484 | L&G | 1,821 | Royal Ins | 1,915 |
| ASDA | 1,946 | Cookson | 372 | Lloyds | 6,796 | Saatchi | 967 |
| AB Foods | 90 | Courtaulds | 848 | Lonrho | 2,400 | Sainsbury | 1,231 |
| Argyll | 2,583 | Dalgety | 495 | Lucas | 1,428 | Scot & N | 1,877 |
| BAA | 807 | Dee | 2,520 | Magnet | 197 | Sears | 2,374 |
| BET | 1,252 | Dixons | 1,131 | M&S | 3,185 | Sedgwick | 1,780 |
| BTR | 2,968 | ECC | 76 | Maxwell Cm | 928 | Shell | 706 |
| BAT | 4,129 | Enterprise | 344 | MEPC | 302 | Smith & N | 1,456 |
| Barclays | 4,596 | Ferranti | 1,545 | Metal Box | 1,992 | STC | 888 |
| Bass | 1,563 | Fisons | 2,107 | Midland | 770 | Stan Chart | 1,755 |
| Beecham | 4,837 | Gen Acc | 1,154 | NatWest | 3,171 | Storehse | 2,229 |
| Beazer | 580 | GEC | 3,683 | Next | 1,832 | Sun Allnce | 354 |
| BICC | 349 | Glaxo | 3,493 | Nth Food | 475 | T & N | 1,958 |
| Blue Arrow | 5,221 | Globe | 892 | P&O | 1,225 | Tarmac | 958 |
| Blue Circle | 591 | Granada | 1,287 | Pearl | 1,052 | Tate & Lyle | 1,149 |
| BOC | 1,683 | Grand Met | 3,242 | Pearson | 1,496 | TSB | 1,982 |
| Boots | 1,984 | GUS 'A' | 318 | Pilkington | 5,728 | Tesco | 879 |
| BPB | 1,195 | GRE | 795 | Plessey | 8,908 | Thorn EMI | 950 |
| Br Aero | 3,000 | GKN | 1,914 | Prudential | 1,129 | Trafalgar | 1,580 |
| Br Airways | 5,307 | Guinness | 3,079 | Racal | 2,368 | THF | 2,5843 |
| Br Comm | 733 | Hamm 'A' | 849 | Rk Hovis | 263 | Ultramar | 1,439 |
| Br Gas | 20,059 | Hanson | 13,454 | Rank | 727 | Unigate | 295 |
| Br Petrol | 25,616 | Hawker | 1,079 | R&C | 284 | Unilever | 1,460 |
| Br Telecm | 7,056 | Hawley | 2,360 | Redland | 356 | United Bis | 363 |
| Britoil | 3,377 | Hillsdown | 685 | Reed | 895 | Utd News | 693 |
| Bunzl | 1,837 | IMI | 224 | Reuters | 1,404 | Wellcome | 604 |
| Burmah | 436 | ICI | 3,420 | RMC Gp | 115 | Whitbrd | 919 |
| Burton | 5,066 | Jaguar | 2,278 | RTZ | 2,197 | Wills Fab | 1,688 |
| C&W | 7,073 | Lasmo | 986 | R-Royce | 4,575 | Woolworth | 239 |
| Cadbury | 1,257 | Ladbroke | 2,901 | Rothmn 'B' | 52 | Equities page 21 | |

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| Fairway London | 76 +1 |
| Gaelic Res | 5 |
| Hard Rock Cafe | 105 –5 |
| Do 'A' | 78 |
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| How Group | 72 –1 |
| ISA Intl (80p) | 101 |
| Intl Colour | 98 |
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| Mayne Nickless | 165 –5 |
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| Nestor-BNA (75p) | 80 –3 |
| Power Corp | 85 |
| Record (88p) | 61 +5 |
| Rural Plan | 93 |
| Sec Archives | 165 +2 |
| Shaftsbury (180p) | 123 –2 |
| Shorco | 109 |
| Sykes-Pickavant | 121 +3 |
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| URS Intl | 43 +1 |
| USDC Inv | 110 +5 |
| Wilshaw Secs | 28 –1 |

**RIGHTS ISSUES**

| | |
|---|---|
| ERA Gp N/P | 43 –8 |
| Gr West 6% N/P | |
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| Maxiprint N/P | 9 |
| North Sea N/P | ½ –¼ |
| Wheway N/P | 2 –¼ |

(Issue price in brackets).

## BASE LENDING RATES

| | |
|---|---|
| ABN | 8.50% |
| Adam & Company | 8.50% |
| BCCI | 8.50% |
| Consolidated Crds | 8.50% |
| Co-operative Bank | 8.50% |
| C. Hoare & Co | 8.50% |
| Hong Kong & Shanghai | 8.50% |
| Lloyds Bank | 8.50% |
| Nat Westminster | 8.50% |
| Royal Bank of Scotland | 8.50% |
| TSB | 8.50% |
| Citibank NA | 8.50% |

STOCK MARKET

# Tate & Lyle slips but talk of stake-building grows

By Michael Clark and Geoffrey Foster

Tate & Lyle, the "Mr Cube" sugar producer, lost an early lead yesterday to close 3p lower at 809p amid whispers in the marketplace that a mystery buyer has started to build a stake in the company.

The speculation has been intensified by the strength of the Tate & Lyle share price. Just before Christmas, it was trading around the 680p level compared with a peak last year of 944p. Next week, it should receive a further boost, helped by a meeting with selected institutions, arranged by Hoare Govett, the broker.

Last night, there was mounting speculation that Mr David Thompson, the former chairman and founder of Hillsdown Holdings, had been nibbling away in the shares. He sold most of his shares in Hillsdown last spring after deciding to pursue other business ventures. There is talk that he may have already picked up close to 1 million shares in Tate over the past few weeks.

One leading broker commented yesterday: "In these thin conditions, it wouldn't take a lot to move the Tate share price."

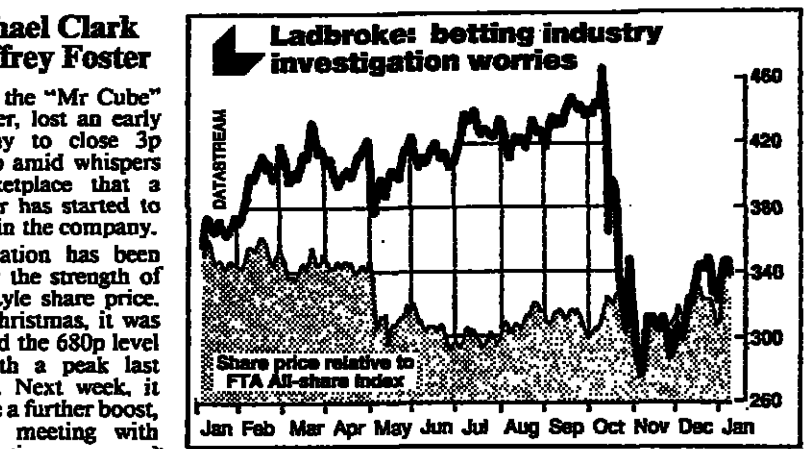
The rest of the equity market failed to live up to expectations yesterday as the long, three-week Christmas account started to draw to a close. Prices opened cautiously despite a record-breaking overnight performance in Tokyo and another steady session in New York.

The FT-SE 100 briefly breached the 1,800 level with a rise of 20.7 before closing 2.5 points lower on the day at 1,787.1. The narrower FT 30 index also lost an early 20.6 rise to end 0.9 higher at 1,438.0.

An early fall on Wall Street in resumed trading did little to bolster sentiment. But dealers appeared unperturbed by the setback and described it as "light profit-taking." Most of them are hoping for further gains when trading for "new time" starts later today.

Government securities remained a dull market ahead of next week's Treasury auction with falls at the longer end of the market stretching to £¼.

**British Aerospace**, still worried by the effects of a weakened dollar, lost another 5p at 346p. Wood Mackenzie, the broker, pushed out a "buy" circular on the shares last night. Mr Stephen Parker, an analyst at Wood Mac, has lowered his estimate to the bottom of the range for 1987 and is now looking for a loss of £50 million against a profit last time of £182 million. But he expects a strong recovery in the current year with profits up to £225 million. Backed by a strong yield and substantial asset-backing, a re-rating of the shares should follow.


Ladbroke: betting industry investigation worries

The gold price has taken a breather in the past couple of weeks with the equity market enjoying something of a revival. But Williams de Broe, the broker, in its *Gold & Platinum (Metal Review)*, believes the price of the precious metal is due for better things in the year ahead. Mr Peter Rolfe-Johnson and Mr Denis Spector, both analysts at Williams de Broe, reckon that it is expected to trade within the $460-to-$480 range during 1988 and forecast that it could touch $510 an ounce in the run-up to the US presidential election.

**● Holmes Protection, the security group, firmed 1p to 98p. Investors should not be "dismayed" about the break-down of the proposed merger with Wormalds. Close sources claim the talks are on again and a figure of 140p a share has been mentioned. Expect news soon.**

Throughout 1987, the price of gold was dictated by the demise of the dollar, worries about the US economy and revived speculation in platinum. It remained unruffled by the miners' strike in South Africa and the stock market crash.

The outlook for platinum in 1988 also looks bright. Last year, the price rose, on average, from $462 to $555 and is expected to trade within the $500 to $600 range this time around.

This is all good news for the gold and platinum producers. Williams de Broe has selected a number of recommendations from around the globe. In South Africa, it is tipping **Driefontein**, 25 cents up at $12¾, **Hartebeestfontein**, 15 cents up at 900 cents, **Kloof**, unchanged at 1,363 cents and Vaal Reefs, up by $3¾ at $110. In North America, it fancies **Amax**, 25p better at £11, while in Australia it likes the look of **North Kalgurli**, unchanged at £31 and **Whim Creek**, 1p dearer at 112p. The bullion price finished $3 higher at $481.40 yesterday.

**Ladbroke**, the betting shops-to-hotels group, moved against the trend, falling 9p to 339p as nearly 3 million shares changed hands. Sentiment took a knock early on when a large seller appeared in the traded options market and this sparked off nervous selling in the main market.

As the shares continued to drift lower, stories began to circulate that the Monopolies Commission was on the verge of launching an investigation into the betting shop business.

It has been talked of for some time that an investigation was being planned with the Office of Fair Trading apparently unhappy about the current arrangements whereby turf accountants beam horse racing and greyhound racing into betting shops. Smaller companies have expressed their dissatisfaction with what they regard as the unjustified dominance of the big companies over the new satellite service.

Worries about an inquiry also affected **Bass**, the brewery group which owns Joe Coral, down 3p at 839p, after 832p, while Sears, the William Hill betting shop group, lost 4p at 127p. **Grand Metropolitan**, the owner of Mecca, edged ahead that much to 469p, after 472p.

**Mount Charlotte Investments**, the hotel chain, attracted support as Phillips & Drew, the broker, tipped it as its share of the month. The price closed 8p higher at 118p.

**Greenall Whitley**, the Warrington-based brewery which is the largest of the regionals and whose best known product is Vladivar vodka, rose by 6p to 209p amid revived speculation that the group, which includes the Grand Hotel at Brighton and Treadway Inns, the American chain, is being stalked by a predator. One dealer was sceptical and said that Greenall's two-tiered share structure leaves the company practically bid-proof.

**S&W Berisford**, the commodity trader and food manufacturer which includes British Sugar, attracted renewed support and closed 12p higher at 328p.

S&W was the target of an abortive, £767 million bid last year from Mr Garry Weston's AB Foods which valued the company at 400p a share. County NatWest, the broker, was reported to be a large buyer of the shares and dealers are now beginning to think that fresh takeover action might be imminent.

**Brewmaker**, the USM-listed home-brewer, was a strong market, supported in early dealings by Warburg Securities, the broker. This pushed the shares steadily higher and they stood 6p up at 36.5p before being suspended at the company's request, pending an announcement.

Dealers claim that the company is a perfect "shell" situation. One suggested that a South African company has approached the board with a view to injecting its own brewery interests into it.

**● Cookson, the industrial conglomerate, dropped 24p to 533p as dealers went on the defensive on hearing that a large line of shares was about to be dumped on to the market. Cazenove, the broker, later was apparently unsuccessful in trying to place 16.5 million shares at 535p.**

Brewmaker revealed in early December that it had returned to profit for the half-year ended July 31 with £29,000 pretax after incurring a £65,000 deficit in the previous half.

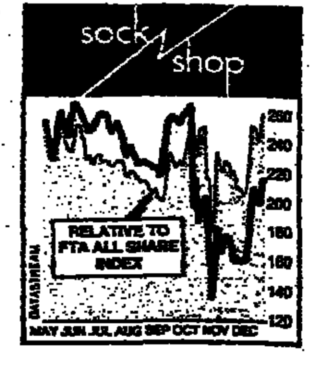
**Polly Peck International**, the packaging and electronics conglomerate, held firm at the overnight level of 308p despite news that Mr Asil Nadir has further tightened his grip on the company when it was announced yesterday that, through his Restro Investments private company, he had acquired a further 100,000 shares at 309p to take his own beneficial stake up to 24.2 per cent.

But several dealers are now of the opinion that a big deal involving Polly Peck could be on on the cards.

TEMPUS

# Strong running at Sock Shop

Blue stockings in Bath, coloured socks at Waterloo Station, and green braces at Marble Arch all helped Sock Shop make quite a running in the year ended September, its first year as a listed company.



Pretax profits of £1.83 million, up from £773,000 and compared with a prospectus forecast of £1.65 million, were an encouragement to yesterday's market, while turnover of £13.98 million for the year ended September exceeded the forecast by a healthy £1.48 million.

With an estimated 4 per cent hold on the British market, and selling 6 million pairs of socks a year, Sock Shop is still on the threshold of a market not only in Britain but abroad as well, and not only in socks.

Tights, stockings and a growing band of accessories are assuming a greater significance, although the sock – representing 80 per cent of group business – remains the core.

On both the outlet and product front, the group is still full of ideas. The British chain increased from 34 to 52 during the year, and has increased by a further seven since year-end. There was the move into Dublin and the establishment of Sock Shop International, taking the group into the United States. A French operation is in the planning stage, and the rest of Europe cannot be far behind.

Encouraging features of results are that the group is achieving the same sort of returns in the provinces as seen in the major cities, and that pre-Christmas volumes from existing shops were up by 13 per cent.

Given that management appears astute enough to move ahead of fashion, is quick on its feet in reacting to changes in consumer preferences, and that the new start-ups in the US and France will neatly dovetail into the home-based operations, the profits outlook looks promising.

The £1.8 million net raised from the May offer at 125p a share has largely been deployed in building up the business, and no strain is expected in funding this year's expansion plans.

Profits could easily touch the £3 million mark this year, and then run to £4.8 million the following year.

Superficially, the prospective rating at 23.6 times earnings (which eases to 14.8 times on 1989 projections) looks demanding in a market still bruised by October's shakeout. But because there are still so many feet to cover, Sock Shop is still worth running with.

## Horne of plenty

Providing reams of paper for privatization issues has raised Robert Horne's profile in the City, although, luckily, it has been a source of no more than marginal profits, as it may be a business past its peak.

A big privatization demands 2,000 tonnes of paper, while Horne's 1986-87 output was nearly 150,000 tonnes. Thus an improving mix of business at the quality end of the market, stock profits and growing market share, were important contributors to higher profits.

Five years of buoyancy in the paper and writings market has underpinned the sound merchanting record, a business now accounting for 92 per cent of sales and 94 per cent of profits. But tight management and efficient distribution systems has boosted an already strong market position.

With 12 per cent of the quality end of the British market, Horne is not the largest paper merchant but it is testament to the quality of management that the competition acknowledge the group as market leader. Horne has been influential in developing new products, particularly in the adhesives and packaging fields.

The paper cycle has been due to turn down for several years but is proving suprisingly resilient, now embarking on its sixth year of growth. Last year it was 10 per cent ahead. Although pulp prices in dollars have soared, the advance in European currencies has been less crippling, partly protecting European paper makers.

Horne plans to pass on a price increase of at least 6 per cent and expects it to stick. Only time will tell whether it can repeat the exercise later in the year.

Diversifications are small and still show Horne finding its feet. The key is supposed to be distribution although the logic at times is hazy.

However, with more than £5 million of net cash in the bank, and strong cash flow, Horne has to find more than warehouses and computers to spend money on.

The dominant holding by the family of the voting shares protects the group from unwanted attention and while the going is good does not lead to undue criticism of the rate of development or the profits.

The balance sheet and management style should protect the group in a recession, and the rating – on just over 10 times 1987-88 earnings from a minimum of £15 million profits – is not demanding.

WORLD MARKETS ROUNDUP: TOKYO

# Nikkei soars by near-record 1,215

(Reuter) – The market was propelled skyward as news that the Ministry of Finance is likely to ease accounting rules for special money and fund trusts bolstered market confidence, brokers said, adding that a revived dollar also laid fertile ground for a rally.

The Nikkei index soared 1,215.22 points, or 5.63 per cent, to 22,790.50. This gain is second only to the 2,037.32 point surge after the market crash on October 21 of last year. The index rose 358.24 points on Tuesday. Advances led declines 8.5 to one in turnover of 950 million, against 450 million on Tuesday.

Securities house, communications, bank, insurance, electronic, property, pharmaceutical, credit/lease, railway/bus, and some manufacturing issues led the broadly based advance.

The Finance Ministry had told financial institutions to value their securities holdings in special money trusts or Tokkin, and in fund trusts at the lower end of purchase price or market value.

Now such institutions, facing large losses from these investments, may be allowed to value their holdings at purchase price when settling fund accounts at the end of March.

Fears that investors in these funds would liquidate to avoid losses at settlement eased significantly, brokers said.

"The Japanese government is saying it is happy to relax the rules to help the market," a foreign broker said. "This shows that the Ministry of Finance is behind the stock market."

The Ministry's giving positive consideration to raising from 3 per cent to 5 per cent the percentage of total assets life insurers can invest through *tokkin* and fund trusts also encouraged investors, brokers said.

Brokers said that, with the stronger dollar, some US brokerages were buying, acting on what they thought to be a good opportunity to buy yen-based stock.

But despite today's surge, some brokers remained sceptical as to whether market optimism could be sustained over a substantial period.

The market would take a cue from next week's release of US November trade data, which, it hopes, will be greatly trimmed from October's record-high $17.6 billion (£9.6 billion) shortfall, brokers said. The balance of margin buying also remains a concern, they said.

Nippon Telegraph and Telephone shares rose Y180,000 (£776) to Y2.3 million and Japan Air Lines Y500 to Y13,000.

SYDNEY

## Blue chips advance

(Reuter) – The market closed near the day's highs yesterday on strong demand for quality industrial stocks.

Blue chips made substantial gains, as did several base metal miners. Brokers said the market was quietly confident following overnight gains in New York and London.

The All-Ordinaries index closed 13.8 points higher at 1,323.1 and the All-Industrials index added 29.2 points to 2,007.4. Increased interest from overseas helped boost national turnover, which was 67.2 million shares, worth Aus$116.9 million (£45.38 million).

FRANKFURT

## Prices boosted by surging dollar

(Reuter) – Share prices ended a moderate bourse mostly higher and near the best levels of the day, boosted by the continuing surge in the dollar.

The US currency was fixed at 1.6460 marks, more than three pfennigs above Tuesday's fix and six pfennigs above Monday's.

"There was strong demand from domestic investors, especially toward the end of the session," one dealer said.

But others noted that banks and professional operators took profits at the start of the bourse, pushing many share prices down at the opening.

Tuesday's rise on Wall Street, yesterday's 5.6 per cent surge in Tokyo stocks, and the recovery of prices in London also helped sentiment.

Despite the closure of Munich and Stuttgart for the Epiphany public holiday, turnover in Frankfurt was around the same as the previous day's levels.

The Commerzbank 60-share index, calculated at midsession, rose 11.9 points or 0.9 per cent to 1,296.4 points.

HONG KONG

## Index rises 59 points

(Reuter) – Share prices closed firmer in hectic trading on continued buying interest from local investors, brokers said.

The Hang Seng index closed 59.80 points up at 2,463.02. Turnover was HK$1.37 billion (£176.09 million) against HK$1.09 billion on Tuesday.

Brokers said light profit taking in the late morning was well absorbed, enticing many investors to increase their holdings. The strong rally in Tokyo also encouraged buying, but brokers are generally cautious about the outlook of the market.

WALL STREET

# Setback for Dow in opening trading

(Agencies) – Shares continued to move erratically in early trading yesterday, with the Dow Jones industrial average 2.49 points lower at 2,029.01. Adding to the dollar uncertainty, brokers said, was the US Treasury announcement that it had no comment to make on a Japanese media report that the US, Japan and West Germany has secretly agreed on a range for the dollar's yen range.

Rising shares and declining ones were about in balance.

IU International jumped by 4⅜ to 18⅜ after Neoax Corporation's $17½ bid for all IU shares. IU asked its shareholders not to respond to the bid until receiving more information.

On Tuesday, the Dow average closed 16.25 higher at 2,031.50.

**● Birmingham, Alabama** – Healthcare Services of America Inc said it had completed the sale of two chemical dependency facilites and two hospitals during December for a total of $22.4 million.

**● Salt Lake City, Utah** – Automated Language Processing Systems Inc said it has agreed to acquire a 20 per cent interest in Interlingua of Britain, which provides technical translation services for multinational companies. Interlingua had sales of about $9.1 million for 1987, it said.

**● Nashville, Tennessee** – Southlife Holding Company said that its Security Trust Life Insurance subsidiary has sold its Texas home service operations to United Insurance of America for about $9 million. The operations have life insurance in force of about $165 million.

**● New York** – Gulf and Western Inc said it expects record earnings in 1988 following its report of a 33 per cent rise in 1987 earnings to $356.1 million. Mr Martin Davis, chairman and chief executive, said: "The company entered fiscal 1988 in its best financial condition ever

## WALL STREET

| | Jan 5 | Jan 4 | | Jan 5 | Jan 4 | | Jan 5 | Jan 4 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| AMR Cp | 34¾ | 35¾ | Firestone | 33½ | 32 | Pepsico | 34¼ | 34¼ |
| ASA | 49½ | 47½ | Fst Chicago | 20½ | 20 | Pfizer | 52½ | 48½ |
| Aetna Life | 45½ | 46 | Fst Int Bncp | 41½ | 40½ | Phelps Dod | 45½ | 46½ |
| Allied Signal | 30½ | 30½ | Fst Penn C | 9 | 9 | Philip Mor | 89 | 87½ |
| Allis Chlm | 1¼ | 1¼ | FT Wachva | 36½ | 35½ | Philip Ptrl | 14 | 14 |
| Alcoa | 48 | 50½ | Ford Motor | 79½ | 78½ | Polaroid | 25½ | 25 |
| Amax Inc | 20½ | 20½ | GAF Cp | 44½ | 44½ | Primerica | 26½ | 25½ |
| AMR Hess | 26¼ | 25½ | GTE Cp | 36½ | 36¼ | Proct Gble | 86½ | 87 |
| Am Brands | 48¼ | 48½ | Gen Cp | 22½ | 22¼ | Pub S E G | 24½ | 24½ |
| Am Cyrnd | 45¼ | 43 | Gn Dynam | 51½ | 50½ | Raytheon | 69½ | 67½ |
| Am Ele Pwr | 27½ | 28½ | Gen Electric | 46½ | 46½ | Rynlds Met | 49½ | 50½ |
| Amexs | 24½ | 24 | Gen Inst | 32¼ | 31¼ | Rockwell Int | 19½ | 19½ |
| Am Family | 14½ | 14¼ | Gen Mills | 51 | 50½ | Royal Dutch | 115¼ | 115¼ |
| Am Home | 76 | 74½ | Gen Motors | 63½ | 62½ | SFE Sopac | 45½ | 45½ |
| Am Int Grp | 63½ | 62½ | Gen Pub Ut | 27½ | 27½ | Sara Lee | 36½ | 36½ |
| Am Stand | 38½ | 37½ | Genesco | 3½ | 3¼ | Schlumb | 31¼ | 30¼ |
| Am Telph | 28½ | 28½ | Georgia Pac | 36½ | 36½ | Scott Pap | 71 | 71 |
| Amoco Cp | 72¼ | 71 | Gillette | 31½ | 30 | Seagram | 57¼ | 57 |
| Armco Steel | 12 | 11¼ | Goodrich | 44½ | 42¼ | Sears Roeb | 34½ | 35½ |
| Asarco Inc | 28½ | 28½ | Goodyear | 63¼ | 62½ | Shell Trans | 77½ | 78½ |
| Ashland Oil | 58½ | 57½ | Gould Inc | 12½ | 12½ | Singer | 47¼ | 47½ |
| Atl Richfld | 73¼ | 72½ | Grace Co | 25½ | 25 | Smith Beck | 54½ | 50½ |
| Avon Prod | 26¼ | 26¼ | Grt Atl Pac | 39 | 39½ | Sony Cp | 38¼ | 36½ |
| Bk Boston | 23½ | 23 | Greyhnd | 27½ | 26¼ | Sth Cal Edi | 31¼ | 31 |
| Bank NY | 28½ | 27¼ | Gruman | 19½ | 18½ | SW Bell | 34½ | 34½ |
| Bankamer | 7½ | 7½ | Gulf & West | 73½ | 73½ | Squibb | 66½ | 63½ |
| Bkrs Tst NY | 33¼ | 32½ | Heinz | 42½ | 42¼ | Sterl Drug | 74½ | 55½ |
| Baxter | 24 | 23¼ | Hercules | 50½ | 48¼ | Stevens JP | 30½ | 30½ |
| Beth Steel | 17½ | 17½ | Hewlett Pk | 59½ | 60 | Sun Comp | 52½ | 53¼ |
| Boeing | 40½ | 38½ | Honeywell | 59½ | 57¼ | TRW Inc | 49½ | 48½ |
| Boise Casc | 70½ | 70¼ | IC Ind | 32½ | 33¼ | Teledyne | 315½ | 309½ |
| Borden | 51½ | 51½ | ITT Cp | 47 | 46½ | Tenneco | 42¼ | 41½ |
| Bristl Meyr | 43½ | 43¼ | INCO | 21½ | 22¼ | Texaco | 37½ | 37½ |
| BP | 57½ | 56¼ | Ing Rand Wl | 36½ | 36¼ | Tex Eastn | 22½ | 22½ |
| Brunswick | 15½ | 15½ | Inland Steel | 30¼ | 30¼ | Texas Inst | 58½ | 58½ |
| Burl Nth | 65¼ | 66 | IBM | 121½ | 120½ | Tex Util | 28½ | 27½ |
| CBS | 164½ | 162½ | Int Paper | 44½ | 43½ | Textron | 23¼ | 22½ |
| CMS Engy | 14½ | 14¼ | Irvng Bk | 44½ | 43½ | Travelers | 37 | 37 |
| CPC Int | 41 | 41¼ | Jhsn & Jhsn | 78½ | 78½ | USG | 31¼ | 30½ |
| CSX Cp | 30½ | 29½ | K Mart | 31¼ | 30¼ | USX Cp | 32 | 31½ |
| Camp Soup | 27½ | 27½ | Kaisertech | 11½ | 11½ | Unilever Plc | 37 | 37½ |
| Can Pacific | 17½ | 16¼ | Kerr McGee | 39½ | 38½ | Un Carbide | 22¼ | 22½ |
| Caterpillar | 64¼ | 62½ | Kmbrly Clrk | 49½ | 50½ | Un Pac Cp | 58 | 57½ |
| Centrl SW | 30½ | 30½ | Kraft | 49¼ | 49½ | Unisys Cp | 36 | 35½ |
| Champion | 35½ | 36¼ | Kroger | 24½ | 24¼ | Utd Brands | 45½ | 45½ |
| Chase Man | 22½ | 22¼ | LTV Cp | 2½ | 2½ | Utd Tech | 35½ | 34½ |
| Chem NY | 21¼ | 22¼ | Litton | 73½ | 73 | Unocal | 32½ | 30½ |
| Chevron | 42½ | 41¼ | Lockheed | 37½ | 36½ | Walter Jim | 59½ | 59½ |
| Chrysler | 24¼ | 23¼ | Lucky Str | 28½ | 27½ | Warn Lamb | 72½ | 70 |
| Citicorp | 20½ | 20½ | Man H'nver | 21½ | 22½ | Wells Far | 44¼ | 44½ |
| Clark Eq | 25½ | 24¼ | Manville | 2½ | 2½ | Westg El | 53½ | 51¼ |
| Coca Cola | 39½ | 39½ | Mapco | 49½ | 49½ | Weyerhsr | 39½ | 40 |
| Colgate | 41½ | 41 | Marriott | 31½ | 30½ | Whirlpool | 25½ | 25½ |
| Columb Gas | 41½ | 40½ | Mt Marrieta | 44 | 43 | Woolworth | 36½ | 36½ |
| Cmb'tn Eng | 31½ | 30½ | Masco | 24¼ | 23¼ | Xerox Cp | 60½ | 59½ |
| Cmwlth Edi | 28½ | 28½ | Mcdonalds | 45½ | 45½ | Zenith | 15½ | 15½ |
| Cons Edis | 43 | 42½ | McDonnell | 62 | 60½ | | | |
| Consol Ng | 38½ | 38½ | Mead Cp | 35½ | 35¼ | | | |
| Cont Data | 23½ | 22½ | Merck | 167½ | 164½ | | | |
| Corning Gl | 49½ | 48½ | Minsta Mng | 65½ | 66¼ | | | |
| Crane | 21½ | 21½ | Mobil | 41¼ | 40½ | | | |
| Curtiss Wrt | 51½ | 52 | Monsanto | 83 | 83½ | | | |
| Data Genl | 25½ | 25¼ | Morgan Jp | 38½ | 37½ | | | |
| Deere Co | 37½ | 35½ | Motorola | 52 | 51½ | | | |
| Delta Airl | 38¼ | 37¼ | NCR | 66½ | 65½ | | | |
| Detroit Edi | 14½ | 13½ | NL Indstrs | 6½ | 6 | | | |
| Digital Eq | 142½ | 141 | Nat Distill | n.a | n.a | | | |
| Disney | 63 | 62½ | Nat Md Ent | 19½ | 19¼ | | | |
| Dow Chem | 92 | 92½ | Nat Semi | 12½ | 12½ | | | |
| Dresser Ind | 26½ | 26½ | Norfolk Sth | 27½ | 25½ | | | |
| Dupont | 88½ | 89 | NW Bancrp | 39½ | 39 | | | |
| Duke Pwr | 44½ | 43½ | Occid Petl | 25½ | 25¼ | | | |
| East Kodak | 51½ | 51¼ | Ogden Cp | 29½ | 29¼ | | | |
| Eaton Cp | 79 | 79¼ | Olin Cp | 42½ | 41½ | | | |
| Emerson El | 34½ | 34½ | PPG Ind | 35 | 35¼ | | | |
| Emery Air | 5½ | 5½ | Pac Gas El | 16¼ | 16½ | | | |
| Exxon | 40¼ | 40½ | Pan Am | 3½ | 3 | | | |
| Farah Inc | 7½ | 7½ | Penney JC | 46½ | 47 | | | |
| Fedders | 7½ | 6¼ | Pennzoil | 74 | 73½ | | | |

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| Agnco Eag | 21¼ | 21½ |
| Alcan Alum | 37½ | 37½ |
| Algoma Stl | 15 | 15 |
| Can Pacific | 22½ | 21¼ |
| Cominco | 14½ | 15 |
| Con Bathrst | 18½ | 18½ |
| Hawk S Can | 21 | 20½ |
| Hud Bay M | 19½ | 19½ |
| Imasco | 26½ | 26½ |
| Imperial Oil | 57½ | 56½ |
| Int Pipe | 44½ | 45½ |
| Royl Trstco | 13½ | 13½ |
| Seagram | 74½ | 74 |
| Shelco 'A' | 22½ | 22½ |
| Thmsn N 'A' | 27½ | 27 |
| Varity Cp | 3.50 | 3.40 |
| WCT | 16½ | 18½ |
| Weston | 33 | 32 |

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# Burgess and RHP merger 'will create £250m group'

**By Michael Tate**

(From left) Bob Morton, David Ewart and Roger Pinnington (Photograph by James Morgan)

Burgess Group and RHP Group have agreed to merge, in a deal that will create a £250 million international electrical and electronics company.

The news comes less than a month after RHP sold its traditional bearings operations, leaving it with just its electronics activities and more than £65 million in cash.

It is the cash that is attractive to Burgess which, under the guidance of accountant Mr Bob Morton, has seen its *market capitalization* mushroom from £2 million to the proposed offer value of £100 million in the past three years.

It will enable the new group, likely to be renamed Burgess Group once the deal goes through, to pursue the acquisition programme with which Mr Morton has been so successful to date.

The combined operations *will have net cash of £55* million, access to a further £100 million, and the scope to expand quickly, particularly in the United States, where the new board sees many opportunities in the wake of the dollar's collapse.

Mr Morton yesterday described the deal as: "The cheapest rights issue I have ever done."

He will become group deputy chairman, with special responsibility for acquisitions. Merchant banker Mr David Ewart, the group financial director at Morgan Grenfell, will remain chairman and Mr Roger Pinnington chief executive.

Terms of the deal are 13 RHP shares for every 10 Burgess, valuing Burgess shares at 264p apiece at the time of agreement late on Tuesday evening, and the entire business at £100 million.

If fully implemented — the offer to date has irrevocable acceptances in respect of 9.2 per cent of Burgess shares — Burgess shareholders will speak for 39 per cent of the enlarged group, and Mr Morton for something over 1 per cent.

There is, naturally, no cash option. "This is a marriage," Mr Morton said yesterday. "It is not in shareholders' interests to strip the cash out. We shall need the money to make acquisitions."

Shares in Burgess had leapt 36p to the bid price late on Tuesday, suggesting that someone had got wind of the deal. Mr Morton said he would not be calling for an inquiry himself, "although I expect the Stock Exchange will make its own investigations".

The two companies are a snug fit in terms of products, markets and manufacturing technology. Burgess, which made profits of £8.2 million last year, is strong in the automotive, telecommunications and white goods industries, while RHP, which made £12.4 million last year, bearings excluded, has an important presence in defence.

# Elf to extend offer by 21 days

**By Carol Ferguson**

Elf Aquitaine yesterday announced a three-week extension until January 26 for its £135 million offer for Tricentrol, the independent British oil company. By January 5, the first closing date, it had received acceptances of 0.3 per cent, taking its interest in Tricentrol to 7.9 per cent.

Mr James Loncroft, Tricentrol's chairman, said in New York yesterday that Elf had received a miniscule level of acceptances. "Our shareholders have sensibly recognized Elf's offer as an opportunistic attempt to obtain quality assets on the cheap, and they should continue to reject the extended offer," he said.

Tricentrol has commissioned ERC consultants, the oil and gas specialists, to prepare an asset valuation of the group. It expects to have it ready in draft form for its board meeting tomorrow with a view to publishing the following week if it supports their case.

Mr Longcroft is in New York in an effort to put a £350 million loan package in place which will enable it to finance its North Sea developments. According to the Takeover Panel's rules, Tricentrol has until January 23 to announce any material facts in connection with the bid. It therefore has just over two weeks to produce an asset valuation or announce a financing package.

Tricentrol's share price, which reached a high of 177p has gradually slid back to 159p, despite firming oil prices and a rising market. However, the market price is still 14p above Elf's 145p a share offer.

# 'Reinsurance' inquiry

The inquiry by the Department of Inland Revenue into Guardian Royal Exchange, the insurance company, is believed to centre on reinsurance arrangements between GRE and its overseas subsidiaries.

Details of the inquiry came to light in an industrial tribunal last November, when Mr Charles Robertson, GRE's former chief accountant, won *his claim for wrongful dismissal* against the company. The tribunal said Mr Robertson had discovered in 1982 that there were irregularities in a reinsurance payment made to GRE's Australian subsidiary in 1974, which caused him to authorize an additional payment of tax.

## COMMENT

# No credit for Citicorp, fired with enthusiasm

Alec Monk of Dee Corporation believes the best form of defence is attack.

After blasting away to the shareholders of Barker & Dobson about the financing of the takeover bid and its implications for Barker & Dobson's own independence, he has now turned his attention to what he sees as the real villain of the piece, Citicorp.

He has sacked Citicorp from all its banking relationships with the group, and nobody can blame him.

The sacking will hardly be a mortal blow to the mighty Citicorp, but if it and its protégé, Barker & Dobson, fails to win the bid battle, the group will have lost a chunk of business which one of its competitors will be glad to collect. Dee is, after all, a £2 billion business, and among the nuggets it will take from Citicorp are its roles as:

1. Issue and paying agent for Dee's £200 million commercial paper programme;
2. Paying and conversion agent for Dee's £66 million convertible bonds; and
3. Depository bank for Dee's American Depository Receipts programme.

For good measure, Citicorp is also a lead banker to Dee's Hermans Sporting Goods subsidiary, and provides other various banking activities. If Barker & Dobson win the bid battle, then Citicorp will be laughing all the way to the bank, for its rewards from the victor will outweigh the loss of Dee business, which it will probably get back in any case.

But that is to miss the point. Mr Monk is justifiably concerned that one of his trusted banks has turned up as the lead finance house to a company making a hostile takeover and is anxious that no more information than is already in Citicorp's hands should be made available. As this newspaper revealed last week, Citicorp suggested a management buyout to Dee last summer, and at that time was given information about the group in the course of discussions. It subsequently proposed lending Dee the money to buy in a chunk of its own shares, a move which would have left Dee no better off but with high gearing. Eventually, Citicorp turned up hand in hand with Barker & Dobson.

Sooner or later, Mr Monk will have to start to defend Dee with hard facts about his company, rather than poking pointed sticks through the bars of the *cage at his tormentors. But before then,* we can expect a blast at Barker & Dobson chairman, Mr John Fletcher. The weak link in the argument being promoted by the Barker & Dobson side that Dee needs the retailing expertise of Mr Fletcher is that he has shown himself to be difficult for some people to work with. He parted company from ASDA after disagreements and is regarded as "not a team man".

*That is hardly a strong qualification* for running a highly geared £2 billion company.

# Keep them guessing

Secret currency deals, whether or not they exist, keep the markets guessing. The latest version of the private deal behind the Group of *Seven's recent public statement came* from Tokyo and it had as dramatic an effect on the dollar as a couple of billion spent in official intervention.

The dollar, at one stage Y5 up on the day, closed with a useful Y3 gain. It put on more than two pfennigs to DM1.65, a level at which the G7 would probably like to see it hold. The pound, at one stage below $1.80, closed just above that benchmark, but with a loss of more than 2 cents on the day.

The idea, reported on NHK, the Japanese broadcasting corporation, that the Group of Seven were committed to keeping the dollar in the upper half of a range running from Y120 to Y140 had elements of plausibility about it. But the notion that Germany, Japan and the United States had each established a war-chest of $5 billion to support the dollar seemed far-fetched.

Treasury and finance ministry officials in Europe were more inclined to stress the flexibility of the G7 arrangements, rather than commitment to specific ranges. But they emphasized the joint action of the major countries in the foreign exchange markets over the past few days. One sentence in the December 23 G7 statement, saying simply: "In addition, they agreed to co-operate closely on exchange markets," has become pivotal.

The dollar has broken out of the free fall which followed the December 23 G7 statement. Indeed, on one excessively Machiavellian view doing the rounds, the G7 deliberately put out a wishy-washy statement to lull the markets into a false sense of security before whamming in with the large-scale intervention

Longer-term concerns about the dollar are in the background for the moment and given a good set of US trade figures a week tomorrow, should remain so for a while. Yesterday, the central banks stood back and allowed the dollar to find its own level

There is a limit to the extent the dollar can and will be allowed to recover. The cautious performance of equity markets yesterday, apart from the spectacular Japanese rise which owed most to changes in investment rules, suggests *that traders were relieved to see the* dollar's slide halted,

It is in everybody's interest that this week's sharp dollar rally proves to be temporary. The dollar would be at its most vulnerable if someone in Washington saw this week's rally as an opportunity to ease down US interest rates.

# Shares in hotel firm suspended

Shares in Leisuretime International, the hotels, travel and hand-drier company chaired by Mr Timothy Aitken, were suspended yesterday at the company's request, "pending an announcement".

The suspension came 24 hours before a poll of shareholders, due to be held today. *This was called* after the company's plans to sell its Worldwide Driers business were blocked by a shareholders' revolt at an extraordinary general meeting of the group on December 22.

Braithwaite Group, the engineering company, which has 14.9 per cent of Leisuretime, led the revolt. However, it is thought that a full-scale bid is unlikely. The board is believed to be in discussions with a number of parties

# BCI extension for £217m Birmid bid

**By Alexandra Jackson**

Blue Circle Industries, the leading cement manufacturer, has extended its £217 million bid for Birmid Qualcast, the lawnmowers, cookers and boilers group, until Saturday, February 13.

It received acceptances by the offer's first closing date on Tuesday for 788,182 shares or 1.1 per cent of the issued share capital.

Together with the 6,700,000 shares or 9.3 per cent of Birmid's share capital already owned by BCI and its associate company, Lonesurge Ltd, this gives the predator a total holding of 10.4 per cent.

Mr Alan Emson, the finance director of Birmid, said yesterday "I am hardly suprised at the very low level of acceptances."

Birmid has rejected the bid as "wholly inadequate and opportunistic." The formal statement from the group advised shareholders to await the publication of group results for the year to October 1987.

These need to be announced by January 23 — the last date on which Brimid can publish any further financial information. It should also make a profit forecast for the current year at that time.

In the light of this information, Blue Circle would be free to increase its offer until January 30.

Birmid's shares closed yesterday at 315p, 5 per cent above the 300p offer from BCI. Blue Circle's shares finished the day at 446p.

# Sears buys more of Freemans

Sears, the retailing company which has a hostile £477 million bid on the table for Freemans, the mail order company, acquired a further 1 million shares, or approximately 0.75 per cent of Freemans, yesterday.

It announced that by the first closing date it owned or had received acceptances for 15.9 per cent of Freemans, having bought 4.6 per cent in the market on Tuesday. The latest acquisitions take its stake close to 17 per cent. Sears will continue to buy shares in the market, Mr Geoffrey Maitland Smith, the chairman, said yesterday.

Earlier this week Sears raised its cash bid to 315p per share from 285p and declared the offer final. Its bid closes on January 22. Freemans shares closed unchanged at 311p

# Pearl Group has mixed sales year

**By Alison Eadie**

Pearl Group, the life assurance company in which Mr Larry Adler, the Australian entrepreneur, has a 5.43 per cent stake, yesterday announced mixed new business results for 1987.

Pearl did well in new single premiums, which rose 65 per cent to £209.3 million, but showed a flat performance in new annual premiums at £61 million against £60 million

Mr Einion Holland, the chairman of Pearl, said the success of single premiums constrained the growth of annual premiums as the same field force sold both types of policy and salesmen naturally concentrated on the more successful area.

Pension business did well with annual premiums showing a 59 per cent increase to £8.9 million and single premiums increasing 31 per cent to £1.7 million. Mr Holland said pensions would be an important area in the current year with the introduction of personal pensions.

He confirmed that Mr Adler, the head of FAI Insurances Group which holds the stake in Pearl, telephoned him on Tuesday and told him he had no present intention of buying more shares.

# Ruling upheld on Bremner meeting

**By Kerry Gill**

The Appeal Court of the Court of Session in Edinburgh yesterday unanimously upheld the claim of Mr Dennis McGuinness that the extraordinary general meeting of Bremner plc should proceed on January 18 in the Central Hotel, Glasgow.

The court rejected a motion by Bremner's chairman, Mr James Rowland-Jones, and his two co-directors, Mr David Rees and Mr David Porter for review of the judgement issued by Lord Davidson before Christmas.

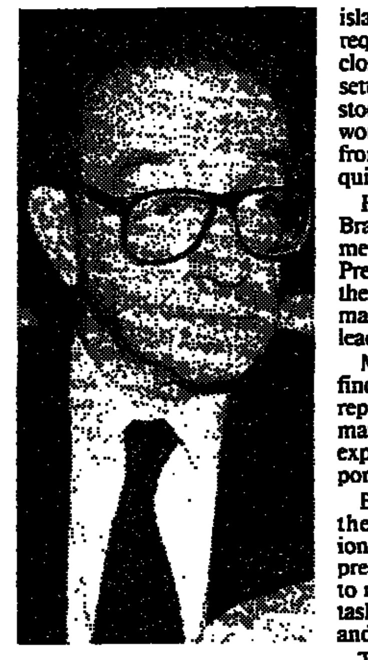
Expenses of the hearing were awarded to Mr McGuinness. It was also confirmed that the notice of extraordinary general meeting issued by Mr McGuinness to Bremner shareholders on December 30 was valid.

Mr McGuinness said: "I feel completely vindicated in the stand I have taken.

"If I had not sent out notices of the meeting to all shareholders on my own initiative, when all the other directors failed to do so, I believe they would have been in serious trouble for contempt of court in not complying with a court order," he said.

# Congress sets date for market crash hearings

**From Bailey Morris, Washington**



Alan Greenspan: witness

The US Congress, following the release tomorrow of a critical report on the October stock market crash, will begin the most comprehensive review of the securities industry since the 1930s in a set of hearings scheduled to begin on February 2.

Senator Donald Riegle, a ranking member of the senate banking commitee, said yesterday that Congressional investigators would hear from the heads of all the major exchanges, officials of leading securities houses and from Mr Alan Greenspan, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, during the four-day hearings.

"We are going to hear from everybody, from a to z, to reconstruct what took place during the market break on October 19 and October 20 and to draw conclusions as to whether there are structural weaknesses which must be corrected," Mr Riegel said.

He announced the date of the new hearings as Mr David Ruder, chairman of the US Securities & Exchange Commission, warned of stricter American disclosure requirements affecting foreign companies in the aftermath of the stock market crash on October 19.

Mr Ruder, in remarks to officials of the accountancy industry, said that as foreign issuers expanded their use of US capital markets, it would be necessary to increase the amount of disclosure included in their financial statements to comply with stronger American standards.

The long-term aim of the SEC staff, which is currently developing a proposal covering foreign securities offerings, was "one set of disclosure documents for worldwide use," Mr Ruder said.

Senator Riegle indicated that comprehensive new legislation, setting stricter margin requirements, increasing disclosure rules, and perhaps setting daily trading limits on stock options and futures, would almost certainly result from the Congressional inquiry next month.

He said that Mr Nicholas Brady, the Wall Street investment banker appointed by President Reagan to conduct the official inquiry of the market crash, would be the lead witness.

Mr Brady will release the findings of his commission report late tomorrow after the market closes. The report is expected to recommend important legislative changes.

Both officials indicated that the increasing internationalization of markets was presenting a tough challenge to regulators charged with the task of ensuring sound, stable and "honest" global markets.

The SEC's as yet undisclosed report on the stock market crash revealed a huge increase in international volume which "presents difficult new challenges and will result in big changes," Mr Ruder said.

As an example of the increase, he cited 1986 figures which revealed that foreign purchases of US securities reached 148 billion, up from 82 billion in 1985 and American purchases of foreign securities climbed to 51 billion from 25 billion in 1985.

# Leyland DAF makes profit

**By Daniel Ward, Motor Industry Correspondent**

Leyland DAF has achieved a profit of several million pounds for the first nine months as part of DAF BV.

The Anglo Dutch company improved group profits to £18 million in 1987 compared with £10 million for the previous year, but executives refused to give an exact preliminary profit figure for Leyland Daf. They said the company would not be giving figures for any of its subsidiaries.

Rover Group merged Leyland Trucks with DAF last April after the division had suffered substantial losses since 1980, rising to £1.5 million a week.

Rover retained a 40 per cent stake in the new Anglo Dutch truck and van concern, which is aiming for a stock market flotation next year.

Mr Aart van der Padt, DAF's chairman, said Leyland production rose last year to 12,000 trucks, up from 8,140 in 1986.

However Leyland DAF has failed to top the British truck market in 1987, selling 300 fewer trucks than Iveco Ford.

Executives confirmed that output at Leyland's plant in Preston will be expanded to enable overall truck production to increase above 32,000 this year.

Up to 300 redundancies, due to take effect at the Leyland assembly plant last year, have been withdrawn following the stronger than expected output.

Freight Rover produced a record 20,000 Sherpa vans in 1987. DAF is seeking a partner to share the £100 million development and tooling costs for a new van range to replace the Sherpa.

# IoD in call to abolish all higher tax rates

**By Rodney Lord**
**Economics Editor**

Mr Nigel Lawson should abolish all the higher rates of income tax and set a new target for the reduction of the basic rate to 20p in the pound, says the Institute of Directors in its Budget representations published yesterday. The Chancellor should also abolish inheritance tax and, as soon as possible, capital gains tax.

Sir John Hoskyns, the director general of the institute, said: "Tax reform is not a luxury, it is a necessity." With a healthy new mandate from the electorate and buoyant revenues, the Government might never have a better chance to undertake reform. "Mr Lawson should trust his instincts and let the genie out of the bottle."

The IoD also has a new proposal for the reform of family taxation under which instead of allowances being transferable, income would be transferable between husband and wife as is allowed for divorced couples. The institute claims that the administration would be simpler and privacy greater.

Transferring income would ensure just as effectively as transferring allowances that independent taxation did not penalize families where the woman did not have enough income to make full use of her allowances. It might also help to deal with the complaint that transferable allowances would discourage women from going out to work because the working wife would get no extra allowance.

If some higher rates remained then there would have to be a limit on the amount of income which could be transferred. Child benefit should be replaced by child tax allowances except for wives with insufficient income.

● At a conference yesterday organized by the Institute of Economic Affairs, Dr Barry Bracewell-Milnes also argued in favour of reducing top tax rates. Higher rates of tax in Britain caused behavioural changes which could lose more revenue than conventional tax avoidance measures.

## THE TIMES CITY DIARY

# The quick and the red

In the golden days of the City, highly priced sports cars were an integral part of every compensation package for anyone aged over 21. Lunacy *reached its height when malicious* and ill-informed rumours began circulating within the Square Mile that you received a Porsche from Chase Manhattan even if you failed the interview. Today, of course, the new buzz-word is, supposedly, austerity. But I can reveal that all is not lost for dreamers of dream company machines. A Japanese *source close* to the London office of Daiwa Securities tells me that a relatively new arrival in its futures department has started arriving at work in a red Ferrari Mondial Cabriolet 308 – cost £45,000 before extras. Although a Daiwa spokesman denied that the firm automatically gave brand new Ferraris to new recruits, and the source refused to reveal the identity of the driver of the E-reg car, I have since discovered that it is none other than Philip Manduca, aged 32. Manduca is, however, better known at the office these days as "Red Ken" – the association being not with Ken Livingstone, but with the boyfriend of the legendary teenage doll Barbie who, I am reminded, drove a toy version of the red Ferrari Mondial Cabriolet. Ken also wore gold and silver sequined suits. I wonder if the similarities run that far?

# Commercial insurance

**With the daunting prospect of a costly and complicated battle among EEC lawyers likely to *deter it from taking legal* action, British insurance group Commercial Union was yesterday forced to resort to placing advertisements in a number of national newspapers to declare that it bore no relation to Barcelona-based Comerciales Union Internacional – an organization which publishes a share tip newsletter called *Personal Investor*. The newsletter, written in English, is apparently circulated throughout Europe as well as in Britain. "We have had a number of queries about it from people who have read the newsletter and wanted further share information, assuming that it was us," a CU spokesman says. "We are simply trying to protect the good name of Commercial Union."**

# Bouncers

So you thought *you* had a bad time shopping at Hamleys this year? A colleague, attracted by the Regent Street store's reputation as the best toy shop around, ventured into the mêlée just before Christmas, keen to buy a brightly-coloured, rubber ball to give a two-year-old relation. Fighting her way around each floor, she eventually asked an assistant for help. Reacting as if she were in search of something more unusual than moon dust, the quest seemed in vain until one marginally more helpful employee suggested they were probably kept in the basement "with the weird toys." I think Sir Philip Harris, head of Harris Queensway should be told.

**"Their market is down again today because ours fell yeterday because they panicked the day before"**

**● Sophie Mirman and Richard Ross can still smile, even though their equity stake in Sock Shop has fallen from £49 million to £38 million. The husband and wife team remains individually insured for £1 million, and so conscious is she of her value to the company that Sophie told me yesterday that she *even* has her food tasted.**

# Year of the cut?

Speculation as to whether or not Chancellor Nigel Lawson is about to desert his present post will be further fuelled in tonight's *City Programme* on Thames Television. Looking deep into his crystal ball, "mystic" Mike Harding will reveal that Lawson, a Piscean – born in Hampstead on March 11, 1932 – "may make a surprise career move in 1988". If Lawson does, however, decide to see the year out, Harding forsees one or two "dreadful" days. "The period around the end of June, end of September and middle of October is likely to bring more surprises than Budget Day," he predicts. "At the end of June he could well be putting forward proposals that are radical even by present Government standards. At the end of September the issues of inflation and the price of oil could be with him again and he may feel powerless to take effective action. By the middle of October his handling of certain events could provoke such strong reactions that his authority is challenged within the party."

**● They are telling the tale in Throgmorton Street about Mrs Thatcher out strolling with her secretary. They stopped in front of a large shop window. "See," Mrs Thatcher said, pointing to a notice. "*Jackets £30, trousers £20.* How can people say we are not beating inflation?" "Madam," replied the secretary, "that is a dry-cleaner's."**

**Carol Leonard**

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| Income | 73.7 | 78.6 | +1.6 | 3.35 |
| Gilt | 75.5 | 80.4 | +1.9 | 0.59 |
| Prop Share | 35.8 | 38.1● | +0.3 | 2.24 |

● Ex dividend. e Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. m Cum all (any two or more of above). a Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday. (20) 25th of month. (21) 2nd Thursday of month. (22) 1st and 3rd Wednesday of month. (23) 20th of month. (24) 3rd Tuesday of month. (25) 1st and 3rd Thursday of month. (26) 4th Tuesday of month. (27) 1st Wednesday of month. (28) Last Thursday of month. (29) 3rd working day of month. (30) 16th of month. (31) 1st working day of month. (32) 20th of month. (33) 1st day of February, May, August, November. (34) Last working day of month. (35) 15th of month. (36) 14th of month. (37) 21st of month. (38) 3rd Wednesday of month. (39) 2nd Wednesday of month. (40) Valued monthly. (41) Last Thursday of Stock Exchange account. (42) Last day of month. (43) 2nd and 4th Wednesday of month. (44) Quarterly. (45) 6th of month. (46) 2nd Tuesday of month.

# UNLISTED SECURITIES

# THIRD MARKET

| High | Low | Company | Bid | Offer | Ch'ge | Gross div p | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 150 | 70 | Conac | 65 | 75 | .. | 3.3 | 4.7 | 9.9 |
| 151 | 50 | Corton Bch | 60 | 64 | .. | 0.6 | 1.0 | 18.7 |
| 288 | 135 | Crown Eye | 137 | 147 | .. | .. | .. | 43.0 |
| 17 | 12 | Eglinton | 13 | 15 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 10 | 7 | Do Wrnts | 7 | 9 | +1 | .. | .. | .. |
| 169 | 65 | Far E Res | 107 | 117 | +5 | .. | .. | .. |
| 118 | 57 | Gardner (J) | 62 | 67 | +2 | .. | .. | .. |
| 53 | 19 | Honorbilt | 24 | 29 | -1 | .. | .. | .. |
| 73 | 41 | Kemp (PE) | 38 | 43 | -2 | .. | .. | .. |
| 161 | 56 | Landing Ltr | 68 | 89 | +1 | .. | .. | .. |
| 85 | 55 | Lynx Tech | 69 | 78 | .. | .. | .. | 7.5 |
| 160 | 87 | Medtrace | 85 | 95 | -1 | .. | .. | .. |
| 80 | 15 | Pab Hldgs | 27 | 32 | .. | .. | .. | 17.3 |
| 128 | 78 | Seacon | 73 | 83 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 87 | 35 | Thames Hldgs | 45 | 50 | ●-1 | 1.4 | 2.9 | 28.1 |
| 219 | 130 | UPL | 127 | 137 | +2 | .. | .. | .. |
| 140 | 103 | Unit Group | 117 | 127 | ●+2 | 6.9 | 5.7 | 8.8 |

# INVESTMENT TRUSTS

# FOREIGN EXCHANGES

**Sterling index compared with 1975 was down at 75.3 (day's range 75.1-75.5).**

## STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

**Market rates for January 6**

| | Range | Close | 1 month | 3 month |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| New Yrk | 1.8030-1.8270 | 1.8045-1.8060 | 0.28-0.25pr | 0.74-0.69pr |
| Montrl | 2.3242-2.3597 | 2.3242-2.3279 | 0.06-0.01pr | 0.17-0.07pr |
| Amstrdm | 3.3392-3.3507 | 3.3392-3.3474 | 1⅛-1⅛pr | 3⅝-3½pr |
| Brussels | 62.22-62.45 | 62.26-62.43 | 11-8pr | 37-31pr |
| Copnhgn | 11.4238-11.5042 | 11.4586-11.5042 | ⅝-1⅛ds | 1⅞-2ds |
| Dublin | 1.1189-1.1232 | 1.1205-1.1215 | 10-6pr | 19-7pr |
| Frankft | 2.9726-2.9826 | 2.9747-2.9826 | 1⅝-1½pr | 4⅝-3⅞pr |
| Lisbon | 242.45-246.14 | 243.61-245.62 | 92-148ds | 182-377ds |
| Madrid | 200.41-202.92 | 200.48-201.19 | 61-90ds | 154-203ds |
| Milan | 2183.73-2195.48 | 2183.73-2190.96 | 3-5ds | 9-14ds |
| Oslo | 11.4999-11.5880 | 11.4999-11.5276 | 5½-6ds | 16⅞-17⅛ds |
| Paris | 10.0484-10.0786 | 10.0580-10.0644 | ⅝-par ds | ⅛pr-⅛ds |
| Stckhlm | 10.7393-10.8035 | 10.7393-10.7683 | ⅞-⅝pr | ⅛-⅜ds |
| Tokyo | 231.84-234.79 | 234.05-234.79 | 1-⅞pr | 2⅝-2⅜pr |
| Vienna | 20.91-21.05 | 20.95-20.98 | 8⅜-7⅝pr | 24⅝-22⅛pr |
| Zurich | 2.4217-2.4376 | 2.4280-2.4354 | 1⅝-1⅛pr | 3⅝-3⅛pr |

Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

## OTHER STERLING RATES

| | |
|---|---|
| Argentina austral* | 9.5400-9.6354 |
| Australia dollar | 2.5531-2.5582 |
| Bahrain dinar | 0.6770-0.6810 |
| Brazil cruzado * | 131.35-132.08 |
| Cyprus pound | 0.7950-0.8050 |
| Finland marka | 7.2825-7.3025 |
| Greece drachma | 233.75-235.75 |
| Hong Kong dollar | 14.0140-14.0320 |
| India rupee | 23.39-23.59 |
| Kuwait dinar KD | 0.4910-0.4950 |
| Malaysia dollar | 4.5585-4.5647 |
| Mexico peso | 3940-4040 |
| New Zealand dollar | 2.7945-2.8180 |
| Saudi Arabia riyal | 6.7375-6.7775 |
| Singapore dollar | 3.6500-3.6612 |
| S Africa rand (fin) | 5.5953-5.6967 |
| S Africa rand (com) | 3.5622-3.5713 |
| U A E dirham | 6.5950-6.6350 |

*Lloyds Bank. Rates supplied by Extel and Barclays Bank HOFEX

## DOLLAR SPOT RATES

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ireland | 1.6100-1.6115 | Denmark | 6.3450-6.3500 | Italy | 1210.0-1213.0 |
| Singapore | 2.0250-2.0300 | W Germany | 1.6475-1.6490 | Belgium (Com) | 34.43-34.48 |
| Malaysia | 2.5290-2.5310 | Switzerland | 1.3480-1.3490 | Hong Kong | 7.7750-7.7800 |
| Australia | 0.7050-0.7060 | Netherlands | 1.8516-1.8531 | Portugal | 135.40-135.90 |
| Canada | 1.2895-1.2905 | France | 5.5820-5.5870 | Spain | 111.20-111.70 |
| Sweden | 5.9600-5.9650 | Japan | 129.00-129.20 | Austria | 11.59-11.61 |
| Norway | 6.3800-6.3850 | | | | |

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

# MONEY MARKETS

Base Rates %: Clearing Banks 8½ Finance Hse 9
Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 8½ Low 7 Week fixed: 8⅜
Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying: 2 mth – 8⅜ 3 mth – 8⅜
Selling: 2 mth – 8⅜ 3 mth – 8⅜
Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)
1 mth: 8¹³⁄₃₂-8⅜ 2 mth: 8¹³⁄₃₂-8⅜ 3 mth: 8¹³⁄₃₂-8⅜
6 mth 8¹³⁄₁₆-8¹¹⁄₁₆
Trade Bills (Discount %)
1 mth: 9¹⁄₃₂ 2 mth: 9¹⁄₃₂ 3 mth: 9¹⁄₃₂
6 mth 9⁷⁄₁₆
Interbank (%). Overnight: open 8⅝ close 9
1 week: 8¹¹⁄₁₆-8⁹⁄₁₆ 1 mth: 8⅞-8¹¹⁄₁₆ 3 mth: 9¹⁄₃₂-8³¹⁄₃₂
6 mth: 9⁵⁄₁₆-9³⁄₁₆ 9 mth: 9⁷⁄₁₆-9⁵⁄₁₆ 12 mth: 9⁹⁄₁₆-9⁷⁄₁₆
Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 day: 8⅝ 7 day: 8⅝ 1 mth: 8⅞
3 mth: 8⅞ 6 mth: 9⅛ 12 mth: 9⅜
Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 mth: 8¹¹⁄₁₆-8⁹⁄₁₆ 2 mth: 8⅞-8⅝ 3 mth: 8¹³⁄₁₆-¹¹⁄₁₆
6 mth: 9⅛-8⅞ 9 mth: 9⅜-9⅛ 12 mth: 9⅜-9⅛
Sterling CDs (%)
1 mth: 8¹¹⁄₁₆-8⁹⁄₁₆ 3 mth: 8¹⁵⁄₁₆-8¹³⁄₁₆ 6 mth: 9³⁄₁₆-9¹⁄₁₆
12 mth: 9⅝-9⅜

Dollar CDs (%)
1 mth: 7.05-7.00 3 mth: 7.25-7.20 6 mth: 7.45-7.40
12 mth: 7.75-7.70

## EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

| Currency | 7 day | 1 mth | 3 mth | 6 mth |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Dollar:<br>Call: 6⅞-6⅝ | 6¹³⁄₁₆-6¹¹⁄₁₆ | 7¹⁄₁₆-6¹⁵⁄₁₆ | 7⁵⁄₁₆-7³⁄₁₆ | 7⅝-7½ |
| Deutschemark:<br>Call: 3⅛-2⅝ | 3⅝-3½ | 3⅝-3½ | 3⁷⁄₁₆-3⁵⁄₁₆ | 3⁹⁄₁₆-3⁷⁄₁₆ |
| French Franc:<br>Call: 8⅛-7⅞ | 8⅝-8⅜ | 8⅝-8⅜ | 8⅞-8⅝ | 9³⁄₁₆-9¹⁄₁₆ |
| Swiss Franc:<br>Call: 1½-⅞ | 1⅝-1⅜ | 2⁵⁄₁₆-2³⁄₁₆ | 2⅝-2⅜ | 3³⁄₁₆-3¹⁄₁₆ |
| Yen:<br>Call: 3⅛-2⅝ | 4³⁄₁₆-4¹⁄₁₆ | 4⅜-4¼ | 4⅜-4¼ | 4⅜-4¼ |

## ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: December 31, 1987. Agreed rates January 26, 1988 to February 23, 1988. Scheme I: 10.05 per cent. Schemes II & III: 10.09 per cent. Reference rate December 1, 1987 to December 31, 1987. Scheme IV: 8.830 per cent.

# GOLD

**BULLION:**
Open. $481.00-481.50 Close: $485.25-485.75
High: $485.25-485.75 Low: $476.75-477.25

**COINS:** Per coin (*Ex VAT)
Britannia: $499.00-504.00 (£276.00-279.00)
Krugerrand*: $485.00-488.00 (£268.50-270.50)
Mapleleaf (/1oz): $499.00-504.00 (£276.00-279.00)
American Eagles: $499.00-504.00 (£276.00-279.00)
New Sovereigns*: $114.25-115.25 (£63.25-64.00)
Old Sovereigns*: $114.25-115.75 (£63.25-64.25)
Platinum: $125.00 (£69.25)
Palladium: $504.30 (£279.40)
Silver: $7.06-7.11 (£3.92-3.94)

# LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

| | Open | High | Low | Close | Vol |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Three Month Sterling** | | | Previous open interest 24498 | | |
| Mar 88 | 90.84 | 90.84 | 90.74 | 90.83 | 7028 |
| Jun 88 | 90.62 | 90.63 | 90.57 | 90.64 | 498 |
| Sep 88 | 90.40 | 90.43 | 90.38 | 90.44 | 151 |
| Dec 88 | 90.22 | 90.22 | 90.22 | 90.26 | 15 |
| Mar 89 | 90.08 | 90.08 | 90.06 | 90.08 | 2 |
| Jun 89 | NT | — | — | 89.90 | 0 |
| **Three Month Eurodollar** | | | Previous open interest 25459 | | |
| Mar 88 | 92.44 | 92.49 | 92.38 | 92.39 | 9867 |
| Jun 88 | 92.24 | 92.28 | 92.18 | 92.20 | 876 |
| Sep 88 | 91.93 | 91.95 | 91.89 | 91.90 | 235 |
| Dec 88 | 91.62 | 91.63 | 91.60 | 91.59 | 58 |
| Mar 89 | NT | — | — | 91.31 | 0 |
| Jun 89 | NT | — | — | 91.07 | 0 |

| | Open | High | Low | Close | Vol |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **US Treasury Bond** | | | Previous open interest 6139 | | |
| Mar 88 | 89-00 | 89-19 | 88-19 | 89-19 | 8392 |
| Jun 88 | NT | — | — | 87-20 | 0 |
| Sep 88 | NT | — | — | — | |
| **Long Gilt** | | | Previous open interest 21734 | | |
| Mar 88 | 117-20 | 117-22 | 117-03 | 117-14 | 31548 |
| Jun 88 | 117-09 | 117-10 | 117-06 | 117-11 | 1000 |
| **FT-SE 100** | | | Previous open interest 5817 | | |
| Mar 88 | 179.80 | 183.90 | 179.60 | 180.50 | 2342 |
| Jun 88 | NT | — | — | 184.00 | 0 |
| **Japanese Govt Bond** | | | Previous open interest 511 | | |
| Mar 88 | 1.0665 | 1.0670 | 1.0620 | 1.0624 | 246 |
| Jun 88 | NT | — | — | 1.0574 | 0 |

# COMMODITIES

## ICIS-LOR Group

The Crude bears were growing a little more confidently amidst claims that the Jan Brent paper squeeze is over. The wet squeeze continues, but physical prices are under pressure. Products traded hectically despite widespread hesitancy due to the markets volatility.

**CRUDE OILS/assessed ($/BBL FOB)**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Brent Phys | 17.90 | -35 |
| 15 day Feb | 17.55 | -20 |
| 15 day Mar | 17.10 | |
| WTI Feb | 17.65 | -10 |
| WTI Mar | 17.45 | -10 |

**PRODUCTS Buy/sell $/MT.**
Spot CIF NW Euro - prompt delivery

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Prem Gas .15 | -1 | 165-168 | -1 |
| Gasoil EEC | -2 | 161-163 | -1 |
| Non 1H Jan | -1 | 155-157 | -1 |
| Non 2H Feb | | 153-154 | |
| 3.5 Fuel Oil | -8 | 78-80 | -2 |
| Naphtha | -1 | 147-148 | -1 |

**BIFFEX**
GNI Freight Futures Dry Cargo ($10/pt)
Jan 88 Hi 1348-1335 Low Close 1348.0
Apr 88 Hi 1394-1374 Low Close 1391.0
Jul 88 Hi 1241-1220 Low Close 1238.5
Oct 88 Hi 1320-1315 Low Close 1320.0
Vol 480 lots Open interest 1917
Dry cargo index 1294.5 +14.5 on 5/1/88

**GAS OIL** G W Joynson

| | |
|---|---|
| Jan | 155.50-55.25 |
| Feb | 153.00-52.75 |
| Mar | 148.50-48.25 |
| Apr | 144.00-43.75 |
| May | 141.00-40.75 |
| Jun | 142.75-42.50 |
| Jul | 141.25-41.00 |
| Aug | 146.00-43.00 |
| Sep | 150.00-44.00 |
| Vol | 6401 |

**HVY FUEL OIL** Reuter

| | |
|---|---|
| Jan | unq |
| Feb | |
| Vol | 0 |

**LONDON POTATO FUTURES (£/tonne)**

| Mth | Open | Close |
|---|---|---|
| Feb | 99.30 | 98.00 |
| Mar | 87.70 | 87.50 |
| Apr | 143.00 | 142.00 |
| May | 156.50 | 155.80 |
| | | Vol 247 |

## LONDON FOX

**COCOA** G W Joynson
Mar 1134-132 Dec 1213-212
May 1152-151 Mar 1238-235
Jul 1170-169 May 1258-255
Sep 1190-188 Vol 6449

**COFFEE** G W Joynson
Jan 1218-217 Sep 1307-305
Mar 1249-248 Nov 1324-320
May 1270-269 Jan 1337-332
Jul 1289-287 Vol 3027

**SUGAR** C Czarnikow
FOB Vol: 5306
Mar 210.2-10.6 Oct 210.2-10.6
May 209.0-09.6 Dec 209.6-11.8
Aug 210.4-10.8 Mar 214.0-14.4

**LONDON GRAIN FUTURES**
WHEAT close (£/t) Vol 474
Ja 111.75 Mr 113.65 My 116.00
Jl 118.85 Sp 103.40 Nv 105.40
BARLEY close (£/t) Vol 66
Ja 107.70 Mr 109.60 My 110.65
Sp 98.20 Nv 100.70 Ja 102.95
SOYABEAN
Feb 141.5-41.0 Aug 121.0-19.5
Apr 134.4-34.0 Oct 121.0-20.0
Jun 125.0-24.0 Dec 123.0-21.0
Vol 82

## LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

Official prices/volume previous day Rudolf Wolf

| (£/tonne) | Cash | 3 month | Vol | Tone |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Copper Gde A | 1615.0-1625.0 | 1453.0-1455.0 | 271650 | Firm |
| Copper Stand | 1530.0-1535.0 | 1430.0-1435.0 | 750 | Quiet |
| Lead | 363.00-363.50 | 353.50-354.00 | 30350 | Steadier |
| Zinc Hi Gde | 479.00-480.00 | 485.50-486.00 | 25650 | Steadier |
| Silver Large† | 667.00-670.00 | 679.00-682.00 | 22 | Quiet |
| Silver Small† | 667.00-670.00 | 679.00-682.00 | Nil | Quiet |
| Aluminium | 1089.0-1090.0 | 1032.0-1033.0 | 120200 | Firm |
| Aluminium Hi* | 1960.0-1970.0 | 1855.0-1865.0 | 21650 | Quiet |
| Nickel | 4800-4850 | 4565-4570 | 5368 | Erratic |

† (Cents per Troy oz). * ($ per tonne)

**LONDON MEAT FUTURES (Avg)**

Live Pig Contract

| Mth | Open | Close |
|---|---|---|
| Feb | 90.30 | 90.30 |
| Apr | unq | — |
| Jun | — | — |
| Aug | — | — |

Live Cattle Contract

| Mth | Open | Close |
|---|---|---|
| Jan | unq | — |
| Feb | — | — |
| Apr | — | — |

Vol Pig— Cattle—

**MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION**
Av'ge fatstock prices at representative markets on January 6

| (kg lw) | Pig | Sheep | Cattle |
|---|---|---|---|
| GB (p) | 65.34 | 167.72 | 104.53 |
| GB (+/–) | -6.0 | *-22.95 | -0.31 |
| Eng/Wal (%) | -7.7 | +7.4 | +19.8 |
| Eng/Wal (p) | 65.34 | 167.56 | 104.86 |
| Eng/Wal (+/–) | -6.0 | -27.11 | -0.39 |
| Scotland (%) | n/a | -50.9 | -13.6 |
| Scotland (p) | n/a | 168.34 | 103.13 |
| Scotland (+/–) | n/a | -13.78 | -0.46 |

* Estimated dead carcase weight

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

# Rally fades

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began December 21. Dealings end on Friday. §Contango day January 11. Settlement day January 18.
§Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

**Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price earnings ratios are based on middle prices. (aa) denotes Alpha Stocks. (VOLUMES PAGE 18.)**

## Portfolio —Gold—

From your portfolio card check your eight share price movements on this page only. Add them up to give you your overall total and check this against the daily dividend figure. If it matches, you have won outright or a share of the total daily prize money stated. If you are a winner follow the claim procedure on the back of your card. You must always have your card available when claiming. Game rules appear on the back of your card.

| No. | Company | Group | Gain or loss |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Ratners Group | Drapery,Stores | |
| 2 | Thames TV | Cinemas,TV | |
| 3 | FKB | Paper,Print,Adv | |
| 4 | Ferguson Ind | Paper,Print,Adv | |
| 5 | Macro 4 | Electricals | |
| 6 | Trafalgar Hse (aa) | Industrials S-Z | |
| 7 | Tarmac (aa) | Building,Roads | |
| 8 | Erskine Hse | Industrials E-K | |
| 9 | Mount Charlotte | Hotels,Caterers | |
| 10 | Booth Inds | Industrials A-D | |
| 11 | LDH | Industrials L-R | |
| 12 | Prop Security | Property | |
| 13 | Berisford (S&W) | Foods | |
| 14 | Hall Eng | Industrials E-K | |
| 15 | Evode | Chemicals,Plas | |
| 16 | Corah | Textiles | |
| 17 | Guthrie | Industrials E-K | |
| 18 | Wyndham Eng | Industrials S-Z | |
| 19 | Dawson | Textiles | |
| 20 | Amec | Building,Roads | |
| 21 | Allied Lon | Property | |
| 22 | Allied Text | Textiles | |
| 23 | Memec | Electricals | |
| 24 | Asda | Property | |
| 25 | Heywood Williams | Building,Roads | |
| 26 | Tootal | Textiles | |
| 27 | Mucklow (A&J) | Property | |
| 28 | General Motor | Motors,Aircraft | |
| 29 | Stonehill | Industrials S-Z | |
| 30 | Alumasc | Industrials A-D | |
| 31 | Helical Bar | Property | |
| 32 | Crowther (J) | Textiles | |
| 33 | Baird (Wm) | Industrials A-D | |
| 34 | Tie Rack | Drapery,Stores | |
| 35 | Home Counties | Newspapers,Pub | |
| 36 | Sovereign | Oil & Gas | |
| 37 | Countryside | Building,Roads | |
| 38 | Phoenix Prop | Property | |
| 39 | Williams Hldgs | Industrials S-Z | |
| 40 | Ibstock Johnsen | Building,Roads | |
| 41 | Sequa | Chemicals,Plas | |
| 42 | Renishaw | Industrials L-R | |
| 43 | Bank Of Scotland | Banks,Discount | |
| 44 | TNT | Industrials S-Z | |
| © Times Newspapers Ltd. | | Daily Total | |

Please take into account any minus signs

### Weekly Dividend

Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £24,000 in Saturday's newspaper.

| MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT | Weekly Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | |

## Portfolio —Gold—

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DAILY DIVIDEND
£8,000
Claims required for
+50 points
**Claimants should ring 0254-53272**

## BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (Under Five Years)

| 1987 High | Low | Stock | | | Price | Ch'ge | Int. only yld% | Gross Red. yld% |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 102¾ | 94½ | Exch | 10½% | 1988 | 100½ | .. | 10.4 | 8.878 |
| 101⅝ | 96 | Treas | C9¾% | 1988 | 100¼ | .. | 9.7 | 8.917 |
| 98¼ | 92¾ | Treas | 3% | 1978-88 | 98¼● | .. | 3.1 | 6.821 |
| 101¾ | 94⅝ | Treas | 9½% | 1988 | 100⅛ | .. | 9.5 | 9.184 |
| 105¼ | 95⅞ | Treas | 11½% | 1989 | 102⅝ | -⅛ | 11.3 | 9.289 |
| 104⅝ | 97⅛ | Treas | 10½% | 1989 | 101⅞ | -¼ | 10.3 | 9.316 |
| 103⅝ | 96¾ | Exch | 10% | 1989 | 100⅝ | -¼ | 9.9 | 9.321 |
| 108 | 95⅝ | Exch | 10¼% | 1989 | 102⅝ | -⅛ | 10.0 | 8.771 |
| 105¼ | 95 | Exch | 11% | 1989 | 102½ | -¼ | 10.7 | 9.362 |
| 96⅛ | 88⅞ | Treas | 5% | 1986-89 | 95⅝ | .. | 5.2 | 7.697 |
| 102¼ | 93¾ | Treas | C9¾% | 1989 | 100¼ | -⅛ | 9.6 | 9.202 |
| 96⅛ | 89⅝ | Treas | 3% | 1989 | 95⅝ | -⅛ | 3.1 | 6.527 |
| 111 | 101¼ | Treas | 13% | 1990 | 106½● | -¼ | 12.2 | 9.287 |
| 108½ | 95 | Exch | 11% | 1990 | 103¼● | +⅝ | 10.7 | 9.295 |
| 110⅝ | 98½ | Exch | 12½% | 1990 | 106⅝ | -¼ | 11.8 | 9.307 |
| 92⅞ | 84⅝ | Treas | 3% | 1990 | 91½ | .. | 3.3 | 7.057 |
| 108 | 93¼ | Treas | 8¼% | 1987-90 | 99 | -⅛ | 8.3 | 8.902 |
| 105 | 94⅝ | Treas | 10% | 1990 | 101½ | -⅛ | 9.8 | 9.282 |
| 91⅛ | 80⅝ | Exch | 2½% | 1990 | 88⅝ | .. | 2.8 | 6.666 |
| 110⅝ | 98⅝ | Treas | C10% | 1991 | 102⅝● | -⅛ | 9.7 | 9.092 |
| 110⅝ | 101⅝ | Treas | 11¾% | 1991 | 105⅝● | -⅛ | 11.1 | 9.335 |
| 95⅝ | 85⅝ | Fund | 5¾% | 1987-91 | 93 | -⅛ | 6.2 | 8.262 |
| 109⅝ | 97 | Exch | 11% | 1991 | 105⅛ | -⅛ | 10.5 | 9.319 |
| 90⅝ | 79⅝ | Treas | 3% | 1991 | 87⅝ | .. | 3.4 | 7.161 |
| 99 | 91 | Treas | 8% | 1991 | 95⅝ | -⅛ | 8.3 | 9.218 |

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

| 1987 High | Low | Stock | | | Price | Ch'ge | Int. only yld% | Gross Red. yld% |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 118½ | 105 | Treas | 12¾% | 1992 | 110⅞● | -⅛ | 11.5 | 9.363 |
| 105¼ | 92⅝ | Treas | 10% | 1992 | 101¾ | -⅛ | 9.8 | 9.380 |
| 108⅝ | 95⅝ | Treas | C10½% | 1992 | 103⅝ | -⅛ | 10.1 | 9.400 |
| 88⅝ | 79¼ | Treas | 3% | 1992 | 84⅝ | -⅛ | 3.5 | 7.195 |
| 99 | 88½ | Treas | 8% | 1992 | 95½ | -¼ | 8.4 | 9.231 |
| 117 | 105⅝ | Exch | 12¼% | 1992 | 109¼ | -⅛ | 11.2 | 9.533 |
| 121 | 104¾ | Exch | 13½% | 1992 | 114⅝ | -⅛ | 11.8 | 9.589 |
| 107½ | 93⅝ | Treas | 10% | 1993 | 101¾ | -⅛ | 9.8 | 9.514 |
| 118½ | 107½ | Treas | 12½% | 1993 | 112● | -⅛ | 11.2 | 9.615 |
| 95⅝ | 81⅝ | Fund | 6% | 1993 | 90¼ | .. | 6.6 | 8.200 |
| 125¼ | 107⅝ | Treas | 13¾% | 1993 | 117⅝ | -⅛ | 11.7 | 9.639 |
| 128¾ | 113½ | Treas | 14½% | 1994 | 121⅞ | -¼ | 11.9 | 9.667 |
| 120½ | 103½ | Exch | 12½% | 1994 | 112½ | -⅛ | 11.1 | 9.653 |
| 124¾ | 108⅝ | Exch | 13½% | 1994 | 116⅝ | -⅛ | 11.5 | 9.808 |
| 103¼ | 88⅝ | Treas | 9% | 1994 | 97⅛ | -⅛ | 9.3 | 9.553 |
| 107⅝ | 93⅝ | Treas | 10% | 1994 | 101⅝ | -⅛ | 9.8 | 9.596 |
| 118¼ | 104⅝ | Treas | 12% | 1995 | 110⅝● | -⅛ | 10.9 | 9.678 |
| 84¼ | 75¾ | Gas | 3% | 1990-95 | 81 | -⅛ | 3.7 | 8.279 |
| 108⅝ | 97¼ | Exch | 10¼% | 1995 | 102● | -⅛ | 10.0 | 9.801 |
| 123⅞ | 106 | Treas | 12¾% | 1995 | 115⅛ | -⅛ | 11.1 | 9.886 |
| 130⅝ | 114⅝ | Treas | 14% | 1996 | 121¼● | -⅛ | 11.5 | 10.025 |
| 102⅝ | 89 | Treas | 9% | 1992-96 | 96⅞ | -½ | 9.3 | 9.688 |
| 139¼ | 118½ | Treas | 15¼% | 1996 | 128⅞ | -⅛ | 11.8 | 10.095 |
| 127⅝ | 109¼ | Exch | 13¼% | 1996 | 118⅝ | -⅛ | 11.2 | 9.916 |
| 89⅛ | 80 | Rdmpt | 3% | 1986-96 | 84½ | -⅛ | 3.6 | — |
| 108½ | 92¾ | Conv | 10% | 1996 | 100⅝ | -¼ | 10.0 | 9.882 |
| 43⅞ | 43½ | Treas | 8% | 1997 | 43⅞ | .. | .. | — |
| 128⅝ | 112⅝ | Treas | 13¼% | 1997 | 119● | -⅛ | 11.1 | 9.959 |
| 111½ | 96 | Exch | 10½% | 1997 | 102⅞ | -⅛ | 10.2 | 9.966 |
| 101 | 86⅛ | Treas | 8¾% | 1997 | 93⅝ | -⅛ | 9.4 | 9.704 |
| 140 | 121 | Exch | 15% | 1997 | 129⅝ | -⅛ | 11.6 | 10.147 |
| 89⅛ | 76⅝ | Treas | 6¾% | 1995-98 | 82¼ | -⅛ | 8.2 | 9.435 |
| 106¼ | 93½ | Exch | 9¾% | 1998 | 98⅝● | -⅛ | 9.9 | 9.867 |
| 145¾ | 123⅛ | Treas | 15½% | 1998 | 134¼ | -⅛ | 11.5 | 10.138 |
| 122⅝ | 107½ | Exch | 12% | 1998 | 112⅝ | -⅛ | 10.6 | 9.994 |
| 106⅝ | 92⅝ | Treas | 9½% | 1999 | 98● | -⅛ | 9.7 | 9.750 |

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

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## BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

| 1987 High | Low | Company | Price Bid | Offer | Ch'nge | Gross div p | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 185 | 48 | Rea Bros | 88 | 90 | .. | 2.8 | 2.4 | 16.2 |
| 215 | 113 | Rothschild (J) Hld | 145 | 155 | -1 | 8.2 | 5.5 | 8.0 |
| 449 | 273 | Ryl Bk Scot (aa) | 343 | 350 | ●-1 | 17.4 | 5.0 | 5.5 |
| 17 | 705 | Schroders | 8½ | 10 | .. | 22.8 | 2.4 | 14.4 |
| 943 | 122 | Stand Chart (aa) | 520 | 535 | +33 | 48.0 | 9.1 | 6.6 |
| 134 | 97 | TSB (aa) | 114 | 116 | .. | 8.5 | 5.7 | .. |
| 18½ | 680 | Union | 765 | 790 | .. | 60.0 | 8.1 | 8.9 |
| 576 | 203 | Warburg SG | 350 | 357 | +4 | 14.4 | 4.1 | .. |
| 198 | 102 | Do 6% 'A' | 123 | 126 | +2 | 8.2 | 6.6 | .. |
| 37⅞ | 21 | Wells Fargo | 192½ | .. | +⅞ | .. | .. | .. |
| 550 | 290 | Wintrust | 430 | 455 | .. | 8.5 | 1.9 | 17.4 |

## BREWERIES

| 1987 High | Low | Company | Price Bid | Offer | Ch'nge | Gross div p | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 471 | 308 | Allied-Lyons (aa) | 355 | 358 | ●-3 | 18.2 | 4.5 | 10.8 |
| 10⅛ | 720 | Bass (aa) | 820 | 840 | ●-8 | 28.8 | 3.2 | 11.8 |
| 77 | 35 | Belhaven | 45 | 48 | ●+1 | 1.3 | 2.8 | 16.9 |
| 233 | 124 | Boddington | 143 | 147 | +2 | 5.1 | 3.5 | 15.6 |
| 796 | 537 | Brown (Matthew) | 625 | 640 | .. | 19.2b | 3.0 | 22.1 |
| 248 | 131 | Buckleys | 195 | 205 | .. | 4.4 | 2.2 | 61.7 |
| 230 | 130 | Bulmer (H P) | 168 | 175 | ●.. | 8.2 | 4.8 | 12.2 |
| 195 | 122 | Burtonwood Brew | 120 | 130 | ●+1 | 4.0 | 3.2 | 20.2 |
| 535 | 360 | Clark (Matthew) | 360 | 370 | +5 | 12.3 | 3.4 | 12.2 |
| 361 | 282 | Devenish (JA) | 302 | 312 | ●+5 | 4.1 | 1.3 | 17.4 |
| 279½ | 150 | Greenall Whitley | 205 | 212 | ●+6 | 8.2 | 3.9 | 10.7 |
| 483 | 289 | Greene King | 442 | 450 | ●.. | 9.3 | 2.1 | 22.9 |
| 350 | 225 | Guinness (aa) | 298 | 303 | +3 | 12.8 | 4.2 | 10.7 |
| 795 | 473 | Hardys & Hansons | 675 | 695 | .. | 28.5 | 4.1 | 12.8 |
| 97 | 65 | Highland Dist | 78 | 80 | ●.. | 3.4 | 4.4 | 12.2 |
| 223 | 138 | Invergordon Dist | 170 | 180 | .. | 7.5 | 4.3 | 11.4 |
| 248 | 145 | Irish Dist | 180 | 190 | ●.. | 6.0 | 3.5 | .. |
| 154 | 110 | Marston Thompson | 113 | 115 | ●+1 | 3.6 | 3.2 | 14.4 |
| 603 | 345 | Morland | 460 | 475 | ●.. | 10.8 | 2.3 | 13.3 |
| 470 | 131 | SA Breweries | 300 | 325 | ●+38 | .. | .. | .. |
| 270 | 178 | Scot & New (aa) | 207 | 210 | ●-4 | 11.3 | 5.4 | 11.6 |
| 590 | 465 | Vaux Grp | 485 | 495 | ●.. | 19.5 | 4.0 | 15.0 |
| 385 | 251 | Whitbread 'A' (aa) | 288 | 292 | ●-3 | 12.8 | 4.3 | 12.2 |
| 400 | 248 | Do 'B' | 295 | 305 | ●.. | 12.8 | 4.2 | 12.7 |
| 374 | 210 | Whitbread Inv | 277 | 285 | ●+2 | 11.6 | 4.1 | 32.7 |
| 424 | 277½ | Wolverhampton & D | 362 | 370 | ●.. | 8.0 | 2.2 | 30.6 |
| 477 | 274 | Young 'A' | 345 | 365 | +5 | 12.3 | 3.5 | 20.7 |

## BUILDING, ROADS

| 1987 High | Low | Company | Price Bid | Offer | Ch'nge | Gross div p | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 540 | 129 | Abbey | 160 | 165 | +8 | | | |
| 449 | 252 | Amec | 327 | 330 | ●+5 | 16.8 | 5.1 | 12.4 |
| 510 | 205 | Anglia Sec | 370 | 385 | ●+10 | 2.7 | 0.7 | 22.5 |
| 68½ | 28 | Anglo Utd | 43 | 45 | .. | 1.4 | 3.2 | 61.5 |
| 152 | 68 | Arncliffe | 90 | 110 | +10 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 22.5 |
| 402 | 184 | Atwoods | 265 | 270 | ●+10 | 8.2 | 3.1 | 15.2 |
| 442½ | 218 | BPB Ind (aa) | 268 | 273 | ●+6 | 9.8 | 3.5 | 11.7 |
| 310 | 97 | Baggeridge Brick | 235 | 245 | ●.. | 4.5 | 1.9 | 16.9 |
| 94 | 31 | Bailey (Ben) Constr | 58 | 61 | ●+2 | 1.6 | 2.7 | 12.4 |
| 252 | 134 | Barratt Devs | 183 | 185 | .. | 12.2 | 6.6 | 12.1 |
| 327 | 180 | Bellway | 185 | 188 | ●.. | 11.0 | 5.9 | 9.0 |
| 305 | 78 | Bellwinch | 85 | 90 | +3 | 4.4 | 5.0 | 7.9 |
| 330 | 134 | Berkeley Gp | 280 | 287 | ●.. | 3.6 | 1.4 | 15.3 |
| 148 | 65 | Bett Bros | 82 | 92 | +4 | 4.8 | 5.5 | 21.6 |
| 675 | 137 | Blockleys | 300 | 350 | .. | 7.4 | 2.3 | 27.2 |
| 574 | 289 | Blue Circle (aa) | 440 | 445 | -1 | 18.5 | 4.2 | 11.9 |
| 425 | 135 | Breedon PLC | 165 | 175 | +2 | 8.2 | 4.8 | |
| 250 | 86 | Br Dredging | 142 | 150 | .. | 6.9 | 4.7 | 28.5 |
| 81 | 14½ | Brown & Jackson | 43 | 44½ | -1 | .. | .. | .. |
| 148 | 79 | Bryant | 144 | 147 | -1 | 3.8 | 2.6 | 17.3 |
| 38½ | 11 | Burnett & Hallam | 14 | 15 | -½ | .. | .. | 1.6 |
| 125 | 108 | CRH | 105 | 115 | .. | | | |
| 177 | 86 | Cakebread Robey | 105 | 125 | ●.. | 5.2 | 4.7 | 13.8 |

## CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

## CINEMAS, TV

## DRAPERY, STORES

## ELECTRICALS

| 1987 High | Low | Company | Price Bid | Offer | Ch'nge | Gross div p | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 224½ | 90 | Amstrad (aa) | 117 | 120 | -1 | 1.0 | 0.8 | 8.9 |
| 141 | 45 | Apricot Computers | 97 | 101 | .. | 0.7 | 0.7 | 13.2 |
| 242 | 95 | Arlen | 120 | 130 | ●-7 | 3.4b | 2.7 | 11.3 |
| 800 | 280 | Atlantic Comp | 430 | 433 | +7 | 6.9 | 1.6 | 12.3 |
| 183 | 85 | Audio Fidelity | 86 | 93 | .. | 0.7 | 0.8 | 7.8 |
| 308 | 174 | Auto Sec | 247 | 252 | -2 | 2.7 | 1.1 | 18.5 |
| 438 | 289 | BICC (aa) | 341 | 345 | +1 | 16.8 | 4.9 | 18.1 |
| 148 | 66 | BSR | 80 | 82 | +3 | 3.8 | 4.7 | 14.5 |
| 244 | 128 | Blick | 133 | 140 | +1 | 4.7 | 3.4 | 12.5 |
| 281 | 85 | Boland | 102 | 112 | ●+2 | | | |
| 284 | 142 | Bowthorpe | 170 | 178 | .. | 4.4b | 2.5 | 15.1 |
| 274 | 74 | Britannia Security | 175 | 185 | .. | 2.5 | 1.4 | 14.8 |
| 337 | 203 | Br Telecom (aa) | 222 | 224 | ●-3 | 12.1 | 5.4 | 10.7 |
| 155 | 63 | Brown Boveri Kent | 94 | 99 | +4 | 5.1 | 5.3 | 10.0 |
| 48 | 15 | Bulgin (AF) 'A' | 21 | 24 | +3 | 0.1a | 0.4 | 30.0 |
| 308 | 172½ | CAP Group | 197 | 202 | +1 | 2.5 | 1.3 | 19.2 |
| 148 | 46 | CASE | 53 | 56 | -1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 4.6 |
| 515 | 288 | Cable Wireless (aa) | 382 | 385 | ●+4 | 8.0 | 2.2 | 18.2 |
| 328 | 178 | Cambridge Elec | 220 | 223 | +14 | 11.2 | 5.0 | 14.2 |
| 138 | 47 | Cambridge Instr | 53 | 57 | ●.. | 1.0 | 1.8 | 6.0 |
| 117 | 45 | Chloride | 61 | 65 | +1 | 2.6 | 4.1 | 17.2 |
| 315 | 140 | Cray Elect | 209 | 219 | +4 | 3.5 | 1.6 | 12.9 |
| 301 | 136 | Crystalate | 185 | 189 | ●+10 | 8.8 | 4.8 | 9.4 |
| 165 | 45 | DDT Group | 55 | 65 | +3 | 1.6 | 2.7 | 10.6 |
| 142 | 59 | Dale Elec | 80 | 85 | +3 | 4.8 | 5.8 | 17.1 |
| 85 | 34 | Dewhurst | 38 | 43 | .. | 1.7 | 4.1 | 15.7 |
| 84 | 30 | Do 'A' | 37 | 42 | .. | 1.7 | 4.3 | 15.3 |
| 645 | 258 | Domino | 320 | 340 | +5 | 3.1 | 0.9 | 21.7 |
| 78 | 35 | Dowding & Mills | 53 | 58 | .. | 2.4 | 4.4 | 13.5 |
| 245 | 125 | Dubilier | 127 | 137 | .. | 4.5 | 3.4 | 12.4 |
| 284 | 157 | Electrocomponents | 195 | 200 | ●.. | 5.2 | 2.7 | 15.5 |
| 178 | 75 | Elec Data Process | 105 | 110 | .. | 2.9 | 2.7 | 9.8 |
| 270 | 55 | Electronic Mach | 75 | 85 | -5 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 93.0 |
| 93 | 48 | Electronic Rentals | 91 | 95 | +1 | 4.4 | 4.7 | 36.3 |
| 540 | 280 | Emess | 365 | 375 | .. | 9.3 | 2.5 | 20.5 |
| 505 | 241 | Eurotherm | 290 | 298 | +1 | 7.2 | 2.4 | 15.8 |
| 213 | 88 | FKI Babcock | 132 | 135 | ●+7 | 2.2 | 1.6 | 18.2 |
| 278 | 136 | Farnell Elect | 168 | 172 | +4 | 4.1 | 2.4 | 15.4 |
| 155 | 67 | Ferranti (aa) | 88 | 90 | +1 | 3.2b | 3.6 | 12.4 |
| 118 | 40 | Forward Tech | 50 | 55 | +1 | 1.0 | 1.9 | 10.0 |
| 251 | 149 | GEC (aa) | 184 | 186 | .. | 7.7 | 4.7 | 10.5 |
| 308 | 178 | Harland Simon | 195 | 205 | ●+3 | 2.8 | 1.3 | .. |
| 184 | 59 | Highland Elect | 58 | 61 | ●.. | 3.4 | 5.7 | 8.9 |
| 340 | 148 | Hoskyns Gp | 215 | 225 | +3 | 2.9 | 1.3 | 19.5 |
| 122 | 63 | ITL Gp | 61 | 68 | ●.. | 2.7 | 4.2 | .. |
| 430 | 122½ | Jones Stroud | 145 | 155 | .. | 6.9 | 4.6 | 9.8 |
| 483 | 250 | Kode | 333 | 343 | +1 | 19.2 | 5.7 | 14.4 |
| 380 | 245 | Lec Refrigeration | 250 | 260 | .. | 17.1 | 6.7 | 12.1 |
| 427 | 230 | Logica | 265 | 275 | .. | 2.2 | 0.8 | 18.9 |
| 711 | 240 | MK Elect | 680 | 695 | ●.. | 17.1 | 2.5 | 21.3 |
| 368 | 105 | Macro 4 | 225 | 240 | +4 | 3.8 | 1.6 | 20.9 |
| 400 | 115 | Memec | 180 | 190 | +6 | 4.8 | 2.6 | 18.2 |
| 172 | 71 | MBS | 90 | 95 | -2 | 0.7a | 0.8 | 85.3 |
| 482 | 258 | Microfilm Repro | 285 | 300 | ‡.. | 3.1 | 1.1 | 20.0 |
| 207 | 87 | Micro Focus | 84 | 94 | -2 | .. | .. | .. |
| 441 | 191 | Microgen | 280 | 287 | +7 | 8.2 | 3.1 | 22.2 |
| 406 | 120 | Mitel | 135 | 140 | +3 | .. | .. | .. |
| 34½ | 15½ | Molex | 20⅜ | 21⅝ | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 108 | 46 | Muirhead | 43 | 53 | -2 | 2.3 | 4.8 | 36.1 |
| 69 | 41 | Murray Elect | 40 | 43 | .. | 0.3 | 0.7 | .. |
| 408 | 238 | Newmark (Louis) | 245 | 270 | .. | 18.2 | 7.4 | 12.4 |
| 129 | 77¾ | NEI | 102 | 104 | +1 | 7.2 | 7.0 | 48.4 |
| 385 | 71 | NMW Comp | 115 | 125 | -2 | 4.3 | 3.6 | 17.5 |
| 47 | 16 | Oceonics | 18 | 20 | -1 | .. | .. | 3.8 |
| 454 | 147 | Oxford Instruments | 230 | 238 | -7 | 3.4 | 1.5 | 8.5 |
| 321 | 143 | P-E International | 138 | 146 | .. | 4.4 | 3.1 | 12.9 |
| 160¼ | 36 | Peek | 57 | 60 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 101 | 23½ | Philcom | 36 | 39 | .. | 0.8 | 2.1 | 18.8 |
| 129½ | 79¾ | Philips Fin 5¾% | 80 | 85 | ●.. | 575 | 7.0 | .. |
| 18⅝ | 7⅝ | Philips Lamps N/V | 8 | | | | | |
| 277 | 224 | Pilco | 240 | 250 | -2 | 8.9 | 3.6 | 9.8 |
| 220 | 159 | Do 'A' Ltd Voting | 175 | 182 | -1 | 8.9 | 5.0 | 7.2 |
| 258 | 127 | Plessey (aa) | 180 | 182 | ●+7 | 7.9 | 4.8 | 10.1 |

## FINANCE, LAND

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## LEISURE

## MINING

| 1987 High | Low | Company | Price Bid | Offer | Ch'nge | Gross div p | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 47 | 21¼ | Western Deep | 23⅞ | 23⅞ | +⅛ | 171 | 7.3 | .. |
| 464 | 149 | Western Mining | 230 | 236 | +2 | 3.0 | 1.3 | .. |
| 350 | 80 | Wilm Creek | 108 | 118 | +1 | .. | .. | .. |
| 21 | 9⅝ | Winkelhaak | 12⅛ | 12⅝ | +1 | 175 | 14.1 | .. |
| 28 | 10½ | Zambia Copper | 15 | 18 | +1 | .. | .. | .. |
| 114 | 52 | Zandpan | 104 | - | .. | 3.7 | 3.6 | .. |

## MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

| 1987 High | Low | Company | Price Bid | Offer | Ch'nge | Gross div p | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 72 | 124½ | AC | 325 | 425 | .. | | | 15.6 |
| 535 | 176 | Appleyard | 330 | 345 | +3 | 12.0 | 3.8 | 14.2 |
| 228 | 101 | Armstrong | 152 | 158 | -2 | 4.5 | 2.9 | 12.0 |
| 658 | 143 | Bramall (CD) | 550 | 650 | .. | 6.1 | 1.0 | 23.6 |
| 689 | 270 | Br Aerospace (aa) | 343 | 348 | -5 | 24.5 | 7.1 | 7.5 |
| 633 | 250 | Caffyns | 400 | 430 | ●.. | 11.6 | 2.8 | 26.3 |
| 201 | 42 | Cowie (T) | 103 | 108 | +1 | 3.3 | 3.1 | 15.4 |
| 301 | 130 | Dowty | 174 | 176 | -11 | 8.8 | 5.0 | 10.1 |
| 270 | 50 | ERF | 208 | 218 | ●+78 | 2.7 | 1.3 | 37.2 |
| 443 | 227 | FR Group | 285 | 290 | +9 | 5.6 | 1.9 | 18.3 |
| 348 | 169 | Ford Motor | 219 | - | +7 | 7.0 | 3.2 | .. |
| 200 | 150 | General Motor | 175 | - | +6 | 25.8 | 14.3 | .. |
| 135 | 66 | Hartwell Plc | 65 | 100 | ●.. | 3.2 | 3.3 | 19.6 |
| 772 | 478 | Honda Motor | 614 | - | +63 | 3.8 | 0.6 | .. |
| 98 | 35 | Jacks (Wm) | 48 | 53 | .. | 2.1 | 4.1 | 14.4 |
| 632 | 257 | Jaguar (aa) | 330 | 333 | -2 | 13.6 | 4.1 | 7.2 |
| 263 | 118 | Jessups | 175 | 185 | .. | 7.2 | 3.9 | 12.8 |
| 249 | 97 | Kwik-Fit | 180 | 180 | -3 | 3.4 | 1.9 | 21.1 |
| 226 | 93 | Lancaster | 117 | 124 | +2 | 3.8 | 3.1 | 12.1 |
| 549 | 224 | Lex | 287 | 292 | -4 | 15.1 | 5.2 | 18.9 |
| 480 | 213 | Lookers | 235 | 260 | .. | 9.8 | 3.9 | 18.9 |
| 796 | 463 | Lucas (aa) | 578 | 582 | ●+2 | 21.9 | 3.8 | 7.5 |
| 333 | 130 | Perry Gp | 195 | 210 | -5 | 8.7 | 4.3 | 14.0 |
| 219 | 87 | Plaxtons (GB) | 163 | 168 | ●.. | 6.2 | 3.7 | 21.8 |
| 408 | 186 | Quick (HJ) | 245 | 260 | .. | 6.9 | 2.7 | 14.0 |
| 240 | 95 | Rolls-Royce (aa) | 128 | 132 | -2 | 6.8 | 5.2 | .. |
| 120 | 36 | Rover | 73 | 80 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 91 | 12½ | Tozmaco | 32 | 35 | ●-1 | 1.1 | 3.2 | .. |
| 153 | 72 | Westland | 80 | 83 | ●-1 | 4.6 | 5.9 | 4.6 |

## NEWSPAPERS, PUBLISHERS

| 1987 High | Low | Company | Price Bid | Offer | Ch'nge | Gross div p | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 261 | 155 | Accord | 170 | 180 | .. | 4.3 | 2.5 | 18.4 |
| 115 | 55 | Adscene | 84 | 89 | +2 | .. | .. | .. |
| 675 | 375 | Assoc Newspaper | 470 | 473 | +4 | 8.9 | 1.9 | 10.7 |
| 635 | 265 | Barbour Index | 300 | 320 | +10 | 5.5 | 1.8 | 23.1 |
| 875 | 320 | Black (A&C) | 390 | 400 | .. | 15.1 | 3.8 | 15.3 |
| 795 | 168 | Bristol | 230 | 240 | ●-2 | 11.0 | 4.7 | 20.2 |
| 28½ | 24½ | Chartsearch | 26½ | 28 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 938 | 440 | Collins (Wm) | 590 | 600 | -5 | 13.6 | 2.3 | 20.1 |
| 750 | 318 | Do 'A' | 440 | 460 | .. | 13.6 | 3.0 | 15.0 |
| 272 | 131 | EMAP | 183 | 188 | ●+5 | 4.4 | 2.2 | 22.2 |
| 430 | 310 | Haynes Publishing | 325 | 350 | -7 | 19.2 | 5.7 | 14.7 |
| 410 | 135 | Home Counties | 260 | 270 | +5 | 8.1 | 3.1 | 12.1 |
| 206 | 77 | Intl Bus Comms | 99 | 105 | -1 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 14.4 |
| 765 | 323 | Independent | 318 | 335 | -27 | 12.0 | 3.7 | .. |
| 802 | 405 | Intl Thomson | 510 | 530 | +15 | 14.0 | 2.7 | 15.9 |
| 400 | 185 | Maxwell Comm (aa) | 345 | 348 | -9 | .. | .. | .. |
| 10⅝ | 400 | News Corp | 380 | 420 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 706 | 215 | News International | 250 | 275 | .. | 4.4 | 1.7 | .. |
| 290 | 158 | Portsmouth Sund | 268 | 273 | .. | 6.2 | 2.3 | 23.1 |
| 9⅝ | 473 | Trinity Intl | 675 | 705 | +35 | 31.5 | 4.6 | 13.4 |
| 671 | 364 | Utd Newspapers (aa) | 450 | 453 | +12 | 24.0 | 5.3 | 17.9 |

## OILS, GAS

| 1987 High | Low | Company | Price Bid | Offer | Ch'nge | Gross div p | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 186 | 82 | Ampol | 120 | 128 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 139 | 38 | Aran Energy | 68 | 71 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 151 | 7 | Atlantic Resources | 8 | 10 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 121 | 23 | Aus Oil & Gas | 20 | 25 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 25½ | 8 | BOM | 8 | 9½ | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 660 | 400 | Br Borneo | 480 | 500 | .. | 31.5 | 6.4 | 13.9 |
| 202 | 117 | British Gas (aa) | 132 | 134 | +1½ | 8.9 | 6.7 | 6.9 |
| 417 | 288 | Br Petroleum (aa) | 263 | 265 | +1 | 17.1 | 6.5 | 10.2 |
| 450 | 157 | Britoil (aa) | 445 | 447 | .. | 12.3 | 2.8 | 45.4 |
| 165 | 22 | Bryson | 78 | 82 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 620 | 350 | Burmah (aa) | 448 | 453 | ●+3 | 21.2 | 4.7 | 19.3 |
| 575 | 318 | Calor Gp | 465 | 480 | ●.. | 15.1 | 3.2 | 15.2 |
| 184 | 72 | Carless Capel | 102 | 103 | ●+1 | 3.8 | 3.7 | .. |
| 291 | 120 | Century | 173 | 183 | ●-6 | 8.1 | 4.6 | 10.7 |
| 68½ | 23½ | Charterhall | 28 | 29 | +1 | .. | .. | 61.4 |
| 152 | 54 | Clyde | 117 | 118 | +2½ | .. | .. | .. |
| 127 | 34 | Conroy Energy | 45 | 40 | +5 | .. | .. | .. |
| 353 | 182½ | Enterprise (aa) | 272 | 273 | +4½ | 12.3 | 4.5 | 32.3 |
| 92 | 30 | Fastland | 50 | 54 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 485 | 230 | Global N Res | 250 | - | -7 | .. | .. | .. |
| 128 | 45 | Goal Pet | 81 | 83 | +1½ | 1.4 | 1.7 | 30.8 |

## OVERSEAS TRADERS

## PAPER, PRINT, ADVERTISING

## PROPERTY

| 1987 High | Low | Company | Price Bid | Offer | Ch'nge | Gross div p | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 188 | 84 | Trafford Park | 125 | 135 | ‡.. | 5.9 | 4.5 | 22.5 |
| 835 | 255 | UK Land | 420 | 470 | ●.. | 8.9 | 1.8 | 17.9 |
| 72⅞ | 750 | Warner | 900 | 950 | .. | 32.2 | 3.5 | 35.1 |
| 12 | 725 | Warnford | 875 | 925 | .. | 25.3 | 2.8 | 32.8 |
| 270 | 90 | Waterglade | 95 | 120 | ●.. | 2.1 | 1.9 | 8.5 |
| 295 | 130 | Wates | 168 | 174 | +1 | 3.5 | 2.0 | 39.0 |
| 58½ | 29½ | Webb (Jos) | 55 | 57 | +1 | 0.8 | 1.4 | .. |
| 265 | 100 | West & Country | 125 | 175 | .. | .. | .. | 8.8 |

## SHIPPING

| 1987 High | Low | Company | Price Bid | Offer | Ch'nge | Gross div p | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 477 | 315 | Assoc Br Ports | 440 | 450 | ●.. | 8.9 | 2.0 | 18.6 |
| 439 | 275 | Caledonia | 325 | 330 | ●-1 | 8.8 | 2.4 | 48.4 |
| 181 | 101 | Clarkson (H) | 135 | 140 | -3 | 6.5 | 4.7 | 15.2 |
| 99 | 58 | Fisher (James) | 71 | 74 | -1 | 2.8 | 3.8 | .. |
| 910 | 500 | Graig | 575 | 625 | ●.. | 20.8 | 3.4 | 14.3 |
| 102 | 67 | Jacobs (JI) | 67 | 70 | .. | 5.5 | 8.0 | .. |
| 460 | 31 | Mersey Docks | 270 | 275 | -7 | .. | .. | 28.0 |
| 394 | 213 | Ocean Transport | 255 | 265 | .. | 12.9 | 5.0 | 13.4 |
| 775 | 425 | P & O Dfd (aa) | 508 | 515 | -3 | 28.1 | 5.5 | 13.1 |
| 159 | 140 | P & O 5½% | 140 | 145 | -1 | 7.5 | 5.2 | .. |
| 338 | 160 | Runciman (Walter) | 205 | 215 | -3 | 8.8b | 4.2 | 12.1 |
| 485 | 38 | Tiphook | 320 | 335 | ●.. | 6.2 | 1.9 | 18.3 |
| 695 | 375 | Turnbull Scott | 450 | 500 | -5 | 12.3 | 2.6 | 66.5 |

## SHOES, LEATHER

| 1987 High | Low | Company | Price Bid | Offer | Ch'nge | Gross div p | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 185 | 45 | Headlam Sims | 65 | 75 | .. | 0.7e | 1.0 | |
| 410 | 201 | Lambert Howarth | 260 | 280 | .. | 10.3 | 3.8 | 11.2 |
| 411 | 170 | Pittard Garnar | 305 | 308 | -2 | 7.9 | 2.8 | 15.3 |
| 352 | 143 | Strong & Fisher | 210 | 215 | +5 | 14.4 | 6.8 | 7.7 |
| 371 | 195 | Stylo | 230 | 240 | .. | 6.9 | 2.9 | 41.4 |

## TEXTILES

| 1987 High | Low | Company | Price Bid | Offer | Ch'nge | Gross div p | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 418 | 290 | Allied Text | 308 | 318 | +6 | 11.5 | 3.7 | 19.5 |
| 410 | 193 | Beales (John) | 257 | 267 | +2 | 7.5 | 2.9 | 8.4 |
| 180 | 101 | Beckman (A) | 105 | 110 | .. | 7.9 | 7.3 | 10.7 |
| 108 | 24 | Bolton | 35 | 40 | .. | .. | .. | 28.4 |
| 226 | 137 | Br Mohair | 198 | 203 | +15 | 9.1 | 4.5 | 10.8 |
| 128 | 61 | Carab | 80 | 85 | +5 | 5.5 | 6.6 | 23.6 |
| 534 | 300 | Courtaulds (aa) | 356 | 360 | ●+2 | 13.5 | 3.8 | 9.8 |
| 210 | 112 | Corah | 108 | 118 | -2 | 4.1 | 3.8 | .. |
| 238 | 88 | Crowther (J) | 123 | 127 | ●+4 | 5.1 | 4.1 | 7.5 |
| 382 | 179 | Dawson | 225 | 230 | ●+4 | 9.8 | 4.3 | 11.4 |
| 221 | 93 | Drummond | 117 | 122 | ●+12 | 3.7 | 3.1 | 8.4 |
| 166 | 69 | Foster (John) | 112 | 117 | ●+2 | 5.5 | 4.8 | 37.2 |
| 275 | 113 | Gaskell Broadloom | 197 | 207 | -3 | 8.5 | 4.2 | 11.5 |
| 98 | 37 | Hicking Pentecost | 52 | 57 | .. | .. | .. | 28.5 |
| 223 | 95 | Illingworth | 142 | 152 | ●+4 | 5.8 | 3.9 | 12.2 |
| 340 | 117 | Jerome (S) | 183 | 193 | +13 | 6.9 | 3.7 | 12.6 |
| 418 | 208 | Lamont | 235 | 240 | .. | 8.2 | 3.4 | 12.4 |
| 365 | 171½ | Leeds | 297 | 307 | ●+2 | 8.6 | 2.8 | 10.6 |
| 240 | 115 | Lister | 132 | 139 | ●-1 | 4.8 | 3.5 | 7.8 |
| 137 | 55 | Lyles (S) | 73 | 78 | ‡+1 | 4.3 | 5.7 | 17.8 |
| 323 | 118 | Mackay (Hugh) | 240 | 260 | .. | 8.2 | 3.3 | 20.8 |
| 87 | 11 | Munton | 40 | 45 | -2 | .. | .. | .. |
| 245 | 116 | Parkland 'A' | 165 | 170 | ●-2 | 7.1 | 4.2 | 12.1 |
| 111 | 44½ | Readicut | 67 | 70 | ●.. | 3.2 | 4.8 | 11.5 |
| 228 | 109 | SEET | 136 | 145 | .. | 7.3 | 5.2 | 11.4 |
| 188 | 118 | Sekers | 120 | 125 | ●-2 | 3.8 | 3.1 | 9.1 |
| 176 | 87 | Sirdar | 112 | 115 | +1 | 7.1 | 6.2 | 16.3 |
| 205 | 70 | Smallshaw (R) | 85 | 95 | .. | 3.8 | 4.2 | 8.3 |
| 130 | 32 | Stoddard | 65 | 70 | -1 | 2.5 | 3.7 | 8.2 |
| 253 | 80 | Textured Jersey | 192 | 202 | +2 | 8.2 | 4.2 | 18.5 |
| 600 | 246 | Tomkinsons | 420 | 440 | ●+10 | 9.8 | 2.2 | 10.8 |
| 164 | 67½ | Tootal | 112 | 114 | ●+5 | 6.0 | 5.3 | 14.2 |
| 480 | 39 | West Trust | 42 | 52 | .. | 3.4 | 7.2 | 15.8 |
| 378 | 175 | Yorklyde | 210 | 230 | .. | 10.3 | 4.7 | 9.0 |

## TOBACCOS

| 1987 High | Low | Company | Price Bid | Offer | Ch'nge | Gross div p | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 709 | 389 | BAT (aa) | 468 | 472 | .. | 21.0 | 4.5 | 11.1 |
| 128 | 118 | Carreras | 115 | 140 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 490 | 238 | Rothmans 'B' (aa) | 377 | 383 | ●-3 | 11.2 | 2.9 | 10.5 |

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● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

# Stagnant output fuels Bonn fears

**By Graham Searjeant, Financial Editor**

West Germany's industrial production showed no increase in November, underlining the stagnation in the economy, where industrial output is only 6.2 per cent above its 1980 level.

Bonn yesterday also revised the October figure down slightly to show a rise of only 0.85 rather than 0.95 per cent. This means that output in the two months October and November was 0.5 per cent less than in the previous two months.

Lower than expected economic growth threatens to cut forecast tax revenues this year and is adding to worries that the 1988 budget deficit will be embarrassingly higher than originally forecast.

Herr Gerhard Stoltenberg, the finance minister, is to make a make a statement today in response to growing fears over rising government borrowing to finance the deficit.

The Bundesbank's efforts to support the falling dollar by intervention in foreign exchange markets are likely to wipe out its budgeted 1988 profits of DM6 billion, further cutting federal income.

On the spending side West Germany also faces higher payments to the European Community.

The Federal Republic's 1988 budget deficit could overshoot its target by as much as DM10 billion, Herr Manfred Carstens, the government party's budget spokesman, admitted this week.

Allowing for measures to stimulate the sluggish economy, the target had been fixed at DM29.5 billion. But Herr Carstens said a deficit of DM40 billion could not now be ruled out.

The main opposition party has already pointed out that a DM40 billion deficit could breach the constitutional understanding that the borrowing requirement would not exceed capital spending by the government, which is budgeted to be only DM34 billion this year.

Herr Stoltenberg earlier promised, as part of the Group of Seven agreement on economic co-operation, that West Germany would not raise taxes this year to meet temporary revenue shortfalls.

# Growth of 1% forecast

The DIW economic institute, which favours the policies of West Germany's opposition Social Democrats, says growth in the federal republic will slow even further from 1.5 per cent in 1987 to 1 per cent this year.

The government expects 1988 growth of between 1.5 and 2 per cent.

The institute also said that unemployment is likely to rise and urged leading industrial countries to take concerted action to ensure global economic growth.

It repeated its call for the West German government to bring forward to 1989 tax cuts worth 39 billion marks planned for 1990.

The DIW said the West German government could achieve real 2.5 per cent growth at home and help boost world trade growth to 3.5 per cent in 1988 if it also:

- ● Coordinated with other leading countries to stabilize the dollar at 1.70 marks
- ● Raised federal investments by DM4 billion.
- ● Cut income and corporation tax by 7.5 per cent immediately under the "Stability Law" which allows the government to cut taxes across the board by up to 10 per cent for a limited period. This would give a net tax relief of DM17 billion.

# Soviet return to bonds

A Soviet foreign trade bank is to make the first public offering in the West by a Soviet state bank since the Russian Revolution.

The Zurich-based Bank for Foreign Economic Affairs of the USSR has had approval from the Swiss authorities to float a 100 million Swiss franc 10-year bond.

The loan plan follows last year's agreement with Britain over the long-running dispute over Tsarist debts.

Hitherto, only the Moscow Narodny Bank has been able to raise funds abroad because it is technically incorporated as a company in Britain.

Bankers in the Eurobond market now expect further public loans to be raised by Russian institutions as part of Mr Gorbachev's economic reform plans.

# Coates in French link to block threat of takeover

**By Cliff Feltham**

Coates Brothers, the printing ink manufacturer, upset the ski-ing holiday of Mr John Spalvins, the Australian entrepreneur, yesterday by effectively blocking any plans he might have towards making a takeover bid for the company.

Coates has linked with CdF Chimie, the French state-owned chemical company, by taking over Lorilleux International, its industrial inks subsidiary, in a deal which will put the French group firmly in the driving seat with 40 per cent.

The move waters down Mr Spalvins' stake, held through Markheath Securities, his British property vehicle, from more than 20 per cent to 14 per cent. Mr John Youngman, the chairman of Coates, broke the news of the deal to Mr Spalvins in Switzerland.

Stability: John Youngman

"I had not discussed the proposals with him before and he was non-committal when I told him what we had agreed with Chimie. He plays his cards close to his chest so I have no idea what his reaction is or what he intends to do.

"We certainly have not gone into this to get him off our backs. This is a business-driven deal but I would not hide the fact that it provides stability for shareholders. This makes us a leader in the European printing ink market," he said.

A spokesman for Mr Spalvins — whose £500 million Australian investment company Adelaide Steamship switched the Coates stake into Markheath — said: "Not enough is known about the deal to give a firm reaction."

But Mr Spalvins stands little chance of blocking the deal unless he mounts a full bid. However, the Coates family has about 40 per cent of the shares and will be voting for it to go through.

Chimie will receive shares giving it a 33.4 per cent stake in the enlarged group in return for the sale of Lorilleux — valuing the business at £56.8 million — but intends to lift its holding to 40 per cent through a partial offer for a further block of shares. It has agreed not to increase its stake above 46 per cent for five years.

The terms are 505p for the voting shares — against a suspension price of 330p — and 459p for the "A" non-voting shares which were 244p. The "A" jumped 68p to 313p on the news.

M Jean-Pierre Halbron, the director general of Chimie, said it had decided not to make a full offer for the company.

Coates is forecasting £21.4 million pretax profits for last year against£14.3 million. Lorilleux made £10.9 million.

# Post-crash boost for fund managers

**By Lawrence Lever**

CL-Alexanders Laing & Cruickshank, the stockbroker, is taking an optimistic view of the long-term future of the fund management sector, which fell 50 per cent in the market crash.

Its post-crash review of the sector, written by Mr Philip Gibbs, the top ranked financial services analyst, gives warning however that volatility in share prices and earnings is likely to be the key feature for time being.

Mr Gibbs places buy recommendations against Mercury Asset Management and Henderson Administration. He suggests buying for income the shares of Britannia Arrow and Edinburgh Fund Managers.

The recommendations must be seen against the volatility of the fund management sector which was the worst performing sector in the market during the crash. The review claims that Mercury is "the best investment in the sector at the moment because of its high quality of earnings.

"Henderson, however, continues to win new clients at an alarming rate and would be a magnificent share to hold in good market conditions."

# Minorco joint venture

Minorco and Inspiration Resources have now formally established Western Gold Exploration and Mining Company (WestGold) following their announcement before Christmas of a joint partnership for exploration and development of gold properties in North America.

Minorco brings to the partnership $80 million (£44.27 million) cash, and Inspiration brings several gold properties. The new company aims to achieve gold production of 200,000 ounces and to increase reserves to 2.5 million ounces by the early 1990s.

## LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

| | Series | Calls Jan | Calls Apr | Calls Jul | Puts Jan | Puts Apr | Puts Jul |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alld Lyon (*351) | 300 | 63 | 73 | 80 | 2 | 7 | 15 |
| | 330 | 35 | 53 | 60 | 5 | 16 | 25 |
| | 360 | 14 | 36 | 42 | 17 | 28 | 35 |
| Bass (*836) | 750 | 98 | 125 | 150 | 4 | 22 | 35 |
| | 800 | 55 | 95 | 120 | 12 | 37 | 55 |
| | 850 | 19 | 68 | 95 | 35 | 60 | 80 |
| Brit Air (*159) | 140 | 23 | 30 | 38 | 4 | 8 | 15 |
| | 160 | 8 | 18 | 25 | 9 | 17 | 23 |
| | 180 | 3 | 10 | 15 | 24 | 28 | 37 |
| Brit Com (*334) | 280 | 60 | 73 | 85 | 2 | 15 | 28 |
| | 300 | 42 | 57 | 70 | 4 | 18 | 27 |
| | 330 | 15 | 35 | 50 | 15 | 30 | 40 |
| Brit Gas (*134) | 120 | 16 | 21 | 25 | 1 | 3½ | 8 |
| | 130 | 9 | 15 | 19 | 4 | 8 | 13 |
| | 140 | — | 9 | 15 | — | 14 | 18 |
| BP (*267) | 220 | 50 | 60 | 65 | 1 | 6 | 10 |
| | 240 | 33 | 45 | 52 | 2 | 12 | 19 |
| | 260 | 18 | 31 | 42 | 7 | 18 | 27 |
| Britoil (*446) | 360 | 92 | 103 | 110 | 4 | 13 | 15 |
| | 390 | 65 | 83 | 95 | 8 | 20 | 20 |
| | 420 | 45 | 57 | 70 | 10 | 25 | 28 |
| Cons Gold (*896) | 900 | 55 | 115 | 160 | 35 | 100 | 155 |
| | 950 | 33 | 85 | 135 | 70 | 140 | 175 |
| | 1000 | 20 | 65 | 110 | 120 | 170 | 275 |
| Courtauld (*383) | 300 | 65 | 82 | 90 | 1 | 7 | 18 |
| | 330 | 38 | 62 | 70 | 4 | 15 | 30 |
| | 360 | 17 | 42 | 55 | 12 | 27 | 43 |
| | 390 | 4 | 28 | 42 | 33 | 45 | 62 |
| Com Union (*353) | 330 | 30 | 50 | 60 | 7 | 23 | 33 |
| | 360 | 12 | 35 | 47 | 17 | 40 | 48 |
| | 390 | 5 | 23 | 37 | 43 | 58 | 67 |
| C & W (*368) | 280 | 92 | 102 | 113 | 1 | 3 | 10 |
| | 300 | 72 | 85 | 92 | 1 | 8 | 17 |
| | 330 | 41 | 65 | 77 | 3 | 20 | 25 |
| | 360 | 19 | 42 | 55 | 10 | 27 | 40 |
| GEC (*166) | 140 | 27 | 33 | 40 | 1 | 5 | 8 |
| | 160 | 9 | 19 | 27 | 4 | 11 | 16 |
| | 180 | 2 | 10 | 19 | 19 | 23 | 28 |
| GKN (*301) | 280 | 25 | 42 | 55 | 5 | 23 | 32 |
| | 300 | 13 | 32 | 45 | 13 | 31 | 41 |
| | 330 | 4 | 21 | 35 | 35 | 53 | 58 |
| | 360 | 1½ | 13 | 25 | 83 | 74 | 79 |
| Grand Met (*469) | 390 | 82 | 90 | 105 | 2 | 10 | 15 |
| | 420 | 50 | 57 | 85 | 4 | 17 | 25 |
| | 460 | 23 | 45 | 62 | 13 | 33 | 42 |
| | 500 | 7 | 27 | 45 | 35 | 55 | 62 |
| ICI (*1169) | 1050 | 130 | 163 | 205 | 4 | 42 | 63 |
| | 1100 | 82 | 127 | 175 | 10 | 62 | 83 |
| | 1150 | 47 | 100 | 150 | 25 | 85 | 105 |
| | 1200 | 25 | 80 | 125 | 52 | 112 | 123 |
| Jaguar (*335) | 300 | 40 | 55 | 68 | 4 | 17 | 28 |
| | 330 | 17 | 38 | 53 | 9 | 27 | 40 |
| | 360 | 6 | 25 | 40 | 26 | 47 | 52 |
| Land Sec (*477) | 420 | 62 | 83 | 90 | 4 | 12 | 23 |
| | 460 | 30 | 53 | 67 | 12 | 23 | 35 |
| | 500 | 8 | 33 | 48 | 32 | 45 | 58 |
| M & S (*178) | 160 | 22 | 36 | 40 | 3 | 10 | 13 |
| | 180 | 7 | 20 | 28 | 11 | 20 | 24 |
| | 200 | 2 | 12 | 18 | 26 | 32 | 34 |
| R-Royce (*135) | 100 | 36 | 40 | 45 | 1½ | 5 | 8 |
| | 110 | 26 | 32 | 37 | 2 | 8 | 12 |
| | 120 | 17 | 27 | 33 | 3 | 11 | 16 |
| | 130 | 10 | 21 | 28 | 6 | 16 | 20 |
| Sainsbury (*232) | 200 | 35 | 42 | 50 | 2 | 8 | 13 |
| | 220 | 18 | 30 | 39 | 4 | 12 | 20 |
| | 240 | 4 | 19 | 28 | 16 | 23 | 30 |
| Shell (*1080) | 1000 | 95 | 135 | 153 | 12 | 57 | 75 |
| | 1050 | 52 | 100 | 125 | 28 | 75 | 100 |
| | 1100 | 20 | 70 | 102 | 52 | 100 | 125 |
| Storehse (*245) | 220 | 30 | 36 | 50 | 2 | 10 | 18 |
| | 240 | 15 | 30 | 40 | 12 | 18 | 25 |
| | 260 | 7 | 23 | 32 | 23 | 32 | 38 |
| | 280 | 4 | 17 | 25 | 38 | 45 | 50 |
| Trafalgar (*325) | 280 | 47 | 57 | 65 | 3 | 10 | 13 |
| | 300 | 32 | 42 | 52 | 8 | 17 | 22 |
| | 330 | 9 | 26 | 38 | 17 | 27 | 37 |
| TSB (*115) | 100 | 17 | 20 | 24 | 1½ | 5 | 8 |
| | 110 | 9 | 15 | 18 | 4 | 9 | 10 |
| | 120 | 3 | 10 | 13 | 9 | 14 | 17 |
| Woolworth (*264) | 240 | 30 | 45 | 55 | 3 | 17 | 18 |
| | 260 | 17 | 35 | 45 | 10 | 22 | 27 |
| | 280 | 8 | 25 | 35 | 22 | 32 | 40 |
| | 300 | 4 | 15 | 25 | 40 | 50 | 50 |

| | Series | Calls Mar | Calls Jun | Calls Sep | Puts Mar | Puts Jun | Puts Sep |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Amstrad (*119) | 110 | 17 | 23 | 32 | 6 | 10 | 12 |
| | 120 | 12 | 18 | 24 | 12 | 15 | 17 |
| | 130 | 8 | 14 | — | 19 | 21 | — |
| Barclays (*503) | 420 | 95 | 97 | 115 | 10 | 17 | 22 |
| | 460 | 67 | 75 | 90 | 20 | 30 | 42 |
| | 500 | 40 | 55 | 70 | 42 | 52 | 60 |
| Beecham (*474) | 390 | 98 | 113 | — | 5 | 15 | — |
| | 420 | 73 | 92 | 101 | 12 | 22 | 32 |
| | 460 | 45 | 69 | 80 | 25 | 37 | 48 |
| | 500 | 27 | 50 | 63 | 45 | 57 | 69 |
| Boots (*244) | 220 | 38 | 43 | 50 | 10 | 15 | 20 |
| | 240 | 27 | 32 | 40 | 17 | 25 | 32 |
| | 260 | 17 | 23 | 30 | 30 | 37 | 43 |
| BTR (*286) | 240 | 58 | 62 | — | 6 | 14 | — |
| | 260 | 43 | 50 | 57 | 13 | 22 | 30 |
| | 280 | 30 | 40 | 48 | 19 | 30 | 38 |
| Blue Circle (*445) | 420 | 52 | 65 | 80 | 25 | 40 | 48 |
| | 460 | 33 | 47 | 60 | 48 | 60 | 67 |
| | 500 | 20 | 35 | 47 | 70 | 85 | 90 |
| Dixons (*202) | 180 | 33 | 38 | 45 | 8 | 12 | [illegible] |
| | 200 | 22 | 27 | 35 | 18 | 25 | 30 |
| | 220 | 13 | 18 | 27 | 32 | 35 | 42 |

| | Series | Calls Mar | Calls Jun | Calls Sep | Puts Mar | Puts Jun | Puts Sep |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Glaxo (*1048) | 950 | 150 | 185 | 227 | 30 | 63 | 80 |
| | 1000 | 116 | 158 | 200 | 57 | 80 | 102 |
| | 1050 | 85 | 133 | 177 | 80 | 107 | 127 |
| | 1100 | 78 | 112 | — | 110 | 123 | — |
| Hanson (*137) | 110 | 31 | 35 | — | 2 | 4½ | — |
| | 120 | 22 | 28 | 32 | 4 | 7½ | 10 |
| | 130 | 15½ | 22 | 28 | 7 | 12 | 16 |
| | 140 | 10 | 17 | 22 | 11½ | 18 | 20 |
| Hawker (*480) | 420 | 75 | 88 | 97 | 10 | 20 | 35 |
| | 460 | 50 | 58 | 78 | 28 | 40 | 55 |
| Lonrho (*258) | 200 | 63 | 66 | — | 3 | 8 | — |
| | 220 | 42 | 51 | 57 | 7 | 14 | 20 |
| | 240 | 29 | 41 | 48 | 14 | 22 | 30 |
| | 260 | 19 | 28 | 37 | 28 | 34 | 42 |
| Midland (*358) | 330 | 77 | 82 | — | 8 | 15 | — |
| | 360 | 52 | 62 | 72 | 20 | 25 | 37 |
| | 390 | 35 | 47 | 60 | 36 | 45 | 57 |
| Sears (*128) | 120 | 17 | 22 | 26 | 5 | 10 | 14 |
| | 130 | 11 | 17 | 23 | 10 | 18 | 21 |
| | 140 | 6 | 12 | 18 | 18 | 23 | 28 |
| Tesco (*161) | 140 | 30 | 38 | 42 | 5 | 10 | 13 |
| | 160 | 17 | 28 | 28 | 13 | 21 | 22 |
| | 180 | — | 16 | 19 | — | 30 | 34 |
| Thorn EMI (*581) | 460 | 112 | 133 | — | 6 | 12 | — |
| | 500 | 80 | 103 | 115 | 15 | 22 | 32 |
| | 550 | 47 | 73 | 88 | 28 | 45 | 57 |
| | 600 | 23 | 47 | — | 57 | 66 | — |
| THF (*230) | 200 | 40 | 45 | 53 | 10 | 17 | 20 |
| | 220 | 25 | 35 | 42 | 17 | 25 | 30 |
| | 240 | 13 | 25 | 32 | 28 | 35 | 42 |
| | 260 | 8 | 17 | — | 42 | 48 | — |
| Unilever (*496) | 460 | 65 | 80 | 100 | 23 | 28 | 50 |
| | 500 | 42 | 60 | 80 | 42 | 60 | 68 |
| | 550 | 22 | 40 | 60 | 75 | 87 | 95 |
| Wellcome (*386) | 360 | 50 | 68 | 85 | 25 | 37 | 46 |
| | 390 | 42 | 53 | 70 | 38 | 50 | 57 |
| | 420 | 27 | 40 | 55 | 58 | 67 | 75 |

| | Series | Calls Feb | Calls May | Calls Aug | Puts Feb | Puts May | Puts Aug |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| BAA (*99) | 90 | 15 | 22 | 25 | 5 | 8 | 14 |
| | 100 | 7 | 16 | 20 | 9 | 12 | 17 |
| | 110 | 6 | 11 | 15 | 17 | 20 | 24 |
| Brit Aero (*380) | 300 | 78 | 78 | 85 | 5 | 15 | 20 |
| | 330 | 45 | 57 | 67 | 10 | 25 | 30 |
| | 360 | 28 | 42 | 52 | 20 | 40 | 45 |
| BAT Ind (*475) | 390 | 95 | 103 | 112 | 3 | 17 | 18 |
| | 420 | 65 | 80 | 92 | 7 | 28 | 27 |
| | 460 | 38 | 46 | 68 | 18 | 35 | 42 |
| | 500 | 18 | 37 | — | 40 | 57 | — |
| Brit Tele (*225) | 200 | 29 | 37 | 40 | 4 | 8 | 11 |
| | 220 | 18 | 23 | 27 | 12 | 18 | 19 |
| | 240 | 7 | 14 | 21 | 22 | 28 | 30 |
| Cadbury (*258) | 220 | 42 | 48 | 53 | 3 | 10 | 14 |
| | 240 | 25 | 35 | 42 | 8 | 17 | 22 |
| | 260 | 15 | 23 | 30 | 17 | 28 | 30 |
| Guinness (*303) | 280 | 33 | 42 | 52 | 8 | 17 | 25 |
| | 300 | 20 | 30 | 40 | 15 | 27 | 35 |
| | 330 | 6 | 18 | — | 33 | 43 | — |
| Ladbroke (*338) | 300 | 47 | 58 | 65 | 7 | 17 | 23 |
| | 330 | 25 | 40 | 46 | 17 | 30 | 37 |
| | 360 | 12 | 27 | 33 | 33 | 47 | 53 |
| LASMO (*284) | 260 | 43 | 57 | 70 | 18 | 32 | 40 |
| | 280 | 32 | 47 | 60 | 28 | 42 | 50 |
| | 300 | 22 | 35 | 48 | 40 | 52 | 63 |
| Pilkngtn (*245) | 200 | 52 | 60 | 67 | 4 | 8 | 10 |
| | 220 | 35 | 45 | 53 | 8 | 15 | 17 |
| | 240 | 25 | 32 | 42 | 17 | 22 | 27 |
| | 260 | 14 | 23 | 30 | 28 | 35 | 40 |
| Plessey (*162) | 130 | 37 | 43 | 48 | 2 | 5 | 8 |
| | 140 | 23 | 36 | 42 | 4 | 9 | 13 |
| | 160 | 15 | 26 | 32 | 11 | [illegible] | 23 |
| P & O (*511) | 460 | 65 | 80 | 87 | 8 | 17 | 30 |
| | 500 | 37 | 54 | 72 | 22 | 37 | 59 |
| | 550 | 20 | 35 | 38 | 52 | 64 | 78 |
| Prudential (*873) | 750 | 135 | 145 | 180 | 8 | 21 | 30 |
| | 800 | 90 | 110 | 125 | 18 | 35 | 45 |
| | 850 | 60 | 75 | 100 | 30 | 55 | 70 |
| Racal (*236) | 200 | 43 | 49 | 55 | 4 | 10 | 14 |
| | 220 | 27 | 38 | 42 | 8 | 15 | 21 |
| | 240 | 15 | 27 | 33 | 18 | 28 | 32 |
| RTZ (*373) | 300 | 82 | 110 | 120 | 10 | 17 | 42 |
| | 330 | 57 | 90 | 108 | 18 | 30 | 48 |
| | 360 | 38 | 65 | 80 | 25 | 40 | 65 |
| | 380 | 25 | 48 | — | 40 | 55 | — |
| Vaal Reefs (*110) | 100 | 18 | 25 | 32 | 10 | 14 | 20 |
| | 110 | 10 | 18 | 27 | 16 | 22 | 28 |
| | 120 | 7 | 14 | 22 | 24 | 30 | 35 |
| Tr 11¾% 1991 (*£108) | 104 | [illegible] | — | — | [illegible] | — | — |
| | 106 | [illegible] | — | — | 1 | — | — |
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Mr Ole Kverndal: Lloyds Bank regional director

Mr Roy Fenney: director of Croda International

The Nikko Bank (UK): Mr **John Cunningham** becomes chairman, Mr **Yokichi Imaizumi** managing director, Mr **Takashi Kato** deputy managing director, Mr **Akira Hirano** general manager, credit and commercial banking, Mr **Tadatoshi Ninomiya** general manager, operations and Mr **Terry White** general manager, treasury.

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**Caroline Blaazer**: There are more opportunities in computing now

## The top jobs that are just waiting for the right women

Caroline Blaazer is the head of the information technology department of the Industrial Society

A recent computer economics survey showed how much still has to be done to encourage women to take up the challenge of careers in computing. The survey showed that although women make up 95 per cent of all data preparation staff, just 18 per cent of computer programmers are women and fewer than 2 per cent are data-processing managers. This sorry state of affairs has a variety of causes.

There are still far fewer girls studying sciences at school. The Equal Opportunities Commission estimates that there are two and a half boys studying sciences subjects at O level for every one girl, and at A level this rises to four boys to every girl.

This imbalance continues at university. In Eastern Europe, 30 per cent of science and engineering places at university are filled by women, and in Asia between 10 and 15 per cent, but in Western Europe the total is 3 per cent.

Nor has the situation been helped by many company attitudes. Many women are actively discouraged from joining computer departments, and many are put off by the atmosphere.

But there is now evidence that, as employers seek to maximize the resource they have in their workforce, attitudes and policies are changing. Many firms that have an equal opportunities policy have found this has increased the *number of women taking up* positions of responsibility within computing. Some computing companies, perhaps most notably IBM and Honeywell, have blazed a trail in this area.

Given the high demand for skills and the tremendous turnover in computing staff, there is some evidence that women are more reluctant to move and stay in computing jobs longer.

Other girls have recognized that women have particular employment needs and that their computing operations can very often be *adjusted* to fit in with these. Working from home, for example, is often a very attractive option for women and firms such as Rank Xerox and ICL have made a point of encouraging its greater development. The highly successful computing operation, F International, was established on the "home working" principle.

But if there is a need for changes *within* the education system, and a change in the policies of many employers, there is also a need for women themselves to realize the opportunities that exist for them in computing and to do more to seize them.

"I could never cope with a career in computing — I'm no good at maths" is still all too often the response of women when it is suggested that they take up a career in this area. But the fact of the matter is that to most computing employers not *only* is a knowledge of maths irrelevant but computing tasks also require a variety of skills and abilities that make jobs in computing ideally suited to women.

Firstly, computing staff come from a wide variety of backgrounds. There is a bias towards recruiting graduates, but from a wide range of disciplines. I have met women classicists, modern linguists and archaeologists who hold management jobs in computing. Employers are looking for people who can think clearly and communicate effectively, not necessarily those who can *brandish* the best computer science degree.

The ability to think straight is also *the key to understanding the* systems and processes that make a computer and its software work. Many women who take up careers in computing come from a clerical background which gives them a *unique insight into the logical* processes of programming and operations.

Many of these women also have keyboard skills, which put them one step ahead of many of their male colleagues. Many data-processing managers, project leaders and programmers will tell you they fell into their present jobs by accident and only later realized *the tremendous opportunities* computing opened up to them.

There is the opportunity to *manage teams of people — the* skills of a project leader are just as much about effective management as they are about technical skills in computing.

Then there is the job satisfaction, not only for a task well done but also of mastering a new medium and — in many *organizations — very quickly* being recognized as the expert in the field. The world of computing is rarely static, and the business of selecting and running the very latest equipment, devising new systems — *perhaps to link different* sites across a very wide area — and making existing systems fully *efficient*, can all be tremendous motivators.

There is also an important job of communication to be done. Computer departments are often viewed with suspicion by other colleagues and senior management. More often than not, this is caused not only by understandable fear of the unknown, but also by the total failure of many computer operators to rise above their sea of jargon.

Effective communication with other departments, and the enhanced working relationships that result, are essential to the efficient *working of a company computer* system. One way in which this can be achieved is to retrain existing *staff in computing skills. Lucas* Electrical does this, moving production engineers into computing and achieving a clearer appreciation of company processes and objectives as a result.

Of course, computer managers and project leaders have their problems too. Demands are made for maximum return with limited resources, there is often a distinct lack of support from senior and board level managers, and project leaders suffer from ill-defined responsibilities, shifting teams and short-term tasks. Yet these management challenges should not detract from the excitement of a computing career.

There should be many more women in computing. Many women are urgently looking for greater challenges in their working lives. Scores of companies are desperately trying to recruit the staff they need.

Employers, the Government *and the Equal Opportunities* Commission can help to reverse an obvious imbalance in the sexes. But much more will be achieved if those women already in computing take the time to explain the excitement, stimulation and satisfaction of what they do.

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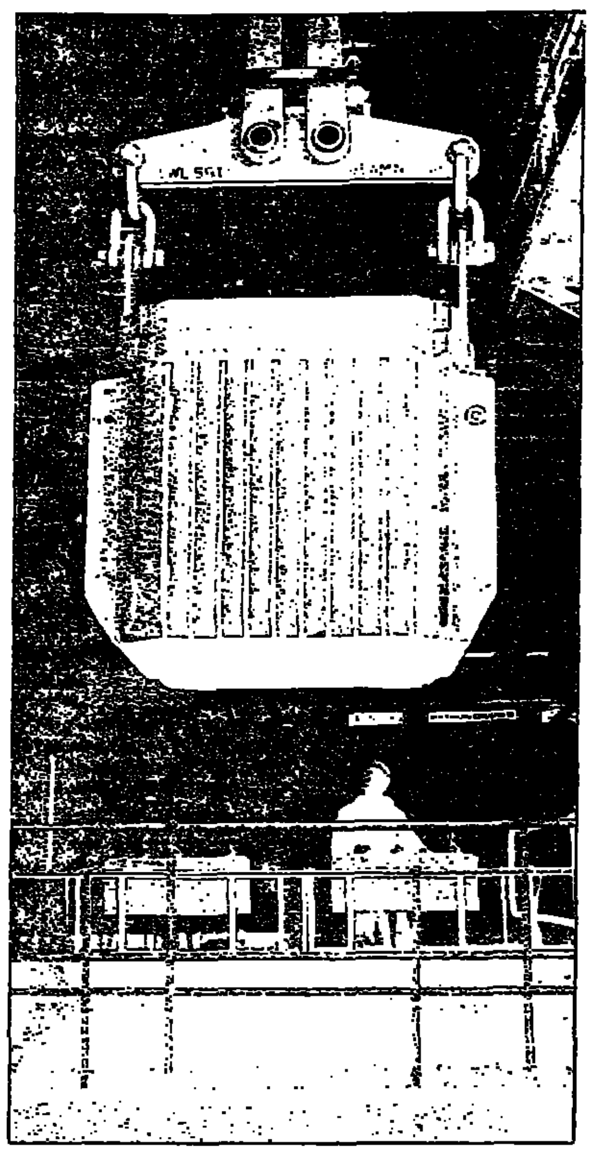

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# BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

Now therefore, hearken unto me, O ye children: for blessed are they that keep my ways. Hear instruction and be wise, and refuse it not.
Proverbs 8 . 32,33.

## BIRTHS

**CLIFFORD** - On December 31st 1987, at 1.55pm at home to Paul and Sue, a baby girl, Nicola, a sister for Adam. Many thanks to the midwife.

**COPLAND** - On December 21st 1987, to Katrina (née Hoyle) and Peter, a son Thomas James Cranmore, a brother for Julia and Philippa.

**DANIEL** - On December 31st, to Lucy (née Tudway Quilter) and Christopher, a daughter Katie, a sister for Jonathan.

**de la HUNT** - On January 2nd 1988, to Linsley (née Lund) and Michael twin daughters Sophie Grace and Alice Margaret, sisters to Megan and Eleanor.

**FOTHERINGHAM** - On December 31st, 1987, to Anne (née Weston) and Charles, a son, Robert Alexander Bryan, a brother for Alice.

**HESKETH-HARVEY** - On December 30th, to Kate (née Rabett) and Kit, a daughter, Augusta Grace.

**HOWARD** - On January 5th, at Shrewsbury, to Julia (née O'Brien) and Robert, a son, Charles.

**KING** - On January 1st, to Nina (née Morgan) and David, a son, Miles David.

**LARKIN** - On December 23rd, at Solihull Hospital, to Caroline (née Thwaites) and Jim, a son, Henry, a brother for James.

**LASKEY** - On January 4th, to Helen (née West) and Peter a son, Thomas Henry Seward.

**O'BRIEN** - On January 5th, to Sarah (née Whimpenny) and Charles, a daughter, Alice Mary.

**PRICE** - On December 31st, at Kings College Hospital to Victoria (née Graham) and Peter, twins Alexandra and Graham.

**ROWE** - On January 6th 1988, to Jane (née Peregrine) and Nigel, a daughter, Natasha Jane.

**STERNBERG** - On January 4th, to Janine (née Levinson) and Michael, a daughter, Sarah, a sister for Rachel and Daniel.

**STRANGE** - On December 28th 1987, at Royal Free Hospital, London, to Kate (née Sharman) and Gary, a daughter, Jessica.

**WARD** - To Kevin and Patricia (née O'Leary) a daughter Rosanna Patricia on 4th January.

## MARRIAGES

**VIGNE:HOLDING** - On December 27th 1987, in Khartoum, Sudan, Piers, son of Mr and Mrs Randolph Vigne, Cornwall Gardens, London SW7, and Christine, daughter of Professor and Mrs John Holding of Malone View Avenue, Belfast, and formerly of Edinburgh.

## DEATHS

**BAMBER** - On January 4th, suddenly in hospital, Robert Railton aged 64, of Upper Moulsham Street, Chelmsford. Funeral Service at St. Johns Church, Moulsham, on Tuesday January 12th at 2pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired to The Neo Natal Baby Unit, St. Johns Hospital. C/o T Pennack & Son, Funeral Directors, 3 Maldon Road, Great Baddow, Chelmsford, Essex.

**BEESON** - On January 2nd 1988, peacefully in Stowlangtoft Hall, Harold J H aged 76 years. Ex wartime major, Royal Norfolk Regiment. Beloved husband of the late Phyllis a dear father of Anthony and Carole. The funeral service takes place at Gt Barton parish church, on Tuesday 12th of January at 2 pm. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired for West Suffolk Scanner Appeal may be sent care of L Fulcher Ltd, 80 Whiting Street, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk. Tel: 764049.

**COCKIN** - On January 5th 1988, peacefully at home Patricia (née Lawday) aged 63. Beloved wife of Dick and much loved mother of Jane, Philip, Anne, Tessa, Gill, Lucy and their families. Funeral service at The Church of The Holy Cross, Carrington Avenue, Newgate Street, Cottingham, North Humberside at 2.30pm on Monday January 11th. Family flowers only please.

**CRAWFORD-COMPTON** - On January 2nd 1988, suddenly in London, Bill, Air Vice Marshall, C.B. C.B.E. D.S.O*, D.F.C*, much loved and missed. Cremation at Chichester Crematorium, 12 noon, Thursday, 14th January. Family and close friends only. Family flowers only, but if desired donations to the R.A.F Benevolent Fund.

**DEAN** - On January 5th 1988, peacefully in his sleep Sir John Norman Dean (Jack) formally Chairman of The Telegraph Construction & Maintenance Co. Ltd. & Submarine Cables Ltd. Beloved husband of Isabel (Tommy) and dearly loved grandfather of Nigel, Nicola and Caroline and great grandfather of Matthew. Funeral service at St. Mary's Church, Ide Hill, Sevenoaks, Kent on Saturday January 9th at 11.30am followed by private cremation. No flowers but donations if desired to The Royal British Legion, Preston Hall, Maidstone, Kent.

**EDMONDS** - On January 4th, peacefully at Haslemere, Richard Clive. Cremation at Guildford Crematorium, Broadwater, Guildford, Surrey at 2.00 pm on Wednesday 13th January. (Tel: Guildford 69509). No flowers please.

**ELPHINSTONE** - On January 3rd, at Netley Marsh, Lucy Constance, aged 90. Cremation at West Chapel, Southampton Crematorium at 1.45 pm on January 12th. Donations in lieu of flowers to Help the Aged.

**EMMERSON** - On January 2nd, suddenly and peacefully after a short illness at St. Richard's Hospital, Chichester, Guy Arthur Emmerson, M.A., M.D., M.R.C.P., D.C.H., Emeritus Consultant Physician, Chichester and Graylingwell Hospital Group. Sadly missed father of Michael, dear grandpa to Elizabeth and Lucinda. Service of Thanksgiving at St. Paul's Church, Northgate, Chichester at 3.15 pm, Wednesday January 13th, followed by cremation at Chichester Crematorium. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Friends of Chichester Hospitals.

**FITZGIBBON** - On January 5th, at Merlin Park Hospital, Galway, Teresa (née Monahan) of Eyre Court, beloved wife of Desmond, after a long illness bravely borne. Dearly missed by devoted husband Desmond and sister Margaret, relatives and Friends. Interment at Finure, Mullagh Co. Galway, following Requiem Mass at Eyre Court Parish church on Monday 11th January at 11.30am.

**GILPIN** - On January 4th, The Right Reverend William Percy, at one time Bishop of Kingston-upon-Thames. Funeral at St. Laurence's Church, Ludlow at 1.30pm on Wednesday, January 13th, afterwards at Hereford Crematorium. No flowers but donations instead either to U.S.P.G., 157 Waterloo Road, London SE1 8X4 or the Friends of St. Laurence, to the Treasurer, Southcott, Livesey Road, Ludlow.

**GREENWAY** - On December 27th 1987, Lady Sheelah peacefully at Minehead formally of Dulverton. Widow of C.O. T.C Greenway R.N. Donations if desired to Friend's of Blenheim Lodge, North Road, Minehead.

**GRIGGS** - On January 4th 1988, at Hendon, Nina, aged 88, widow of F.L. Griggs R.A. and Most beloved mother of Margery, Mia, Hilda and Barbara. Requiem mass at St Catherine's Church, Chipping Campden at 1.30 pm on Monday January 11th. Family flowers only, but donations to the Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly W1 would be appreciated.

**HAINES** - On January 5th, suddenly, aged 45 years, Rosamund (Margaret Colton) of 11 Oakhurst Terrace, Benton, Newcastle-Upon-Tyne. Beloved daughter of the late Rev. and Mrs M.H.C. Haines and dear sister of Catherine and Griselda. Service at St. Bartholomews Church on Tuesday 12th January at 11.15 am followed by private cremation.

**HARTMAN** - On January 5th 1988, peacefully in her 93rd year, at Holy Cross Nursing Unit, Heathfield, Vera Helen, (née Southby) widow of Ake, formerly of Portugal, Italy and Shanghai. Requiem Mass, 11am, January 15th at Worth Abbey, Sussex, followed by Cremation. Enquiries to: R. Jarvis, Funeral Directors, Heathfield, Sussex. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Sisters of Grace and Compassion, Holy Cross Priory, Heathfield, Sussex.

**HODGSON** - On January 5th, peacefully after a long illness borne with great courage, John Edward, aged 79. Dearly loved husband of Vi, devoted father of Robert and Jane, beloved stepfather of Jill and Ginnie. Sadly missed by all their families. Burial service, family only, 12 noon on Wednesday 13th January followed by a service of Thanksgiving at 2.30pm at St. Peter and St. Paul's Church, Great Missenden. Family flowers only, donations if desired to the Cancer Research Campaign, 2 Carlton House Terrace, London, SW1Y 5AQ or the Chest, Heart and Stroke Association, Tavistock House North, Tavistock Square, London, WC1H 9JE. Enquiries to David Silvey & Son, High Wycombe 29193.

**HOSKYN** - On Saturday January 2nd, 1988, peacefully at Brookfield, Clayhall Road, Alverstoke, Richard Frazer Busby Hoskyn (Rex), dearly loved father of Peggy, grand-father of Katherine, Julie and Susie. Funeral Service on Tuesday 12th January, 1.00pm at St. Mary's Church, Alverstoke.

**MACDONALD** - On January 2nd 1988, quietly at Stalbridge, Mary Ferguson aged 84 years, wife of the late Mr I.S. Macdonald of East Lulworth. Funeral service at 2.00pm on Monday 11th January at St. Mary's Church, Stalbridge followed by a private cremation. Flowers or donations to Red Cross or Cancer Research C/O Eason Funeral Services, Newell, Sherbourne, 0935 813479.

**MACINTOSH** - On January 3rd, at Ealing, Kathleen Helen, aged 84, Late of Hurst Green, Sussex. Widow of Duncan MacIntosh CMG, OBE, Commissioner of Police, Hong Kong 1946/53. Funeral at Breakspear Crematorium, Ruislip, 12.15pm Tuesday 12th January. Family flowers only, donations if desired to British Heart Foundation.

**McKENNA** - On January 4th 1988, peacefully at Ickworth Lodge, Horringer, Suffolk. The Hon. Mrs Emily McKenna O.B.E. Widow of Lt. C.O. Gerald McKenna, elder daughter of Third Baron Inverclyde. Funeral private at her request. Funeral at St. Leonards Church, Horringer on January 14th at 1.00pm followed by cremation. Family flowers only. All enquiries to C.G. Baker & Son, FD, Bury St. Edmunds, Tel: (0284) 754017.

**MORTON** - On January 1st, at Salisbury Hospital, after a long illness, Dr. Richard Morton, loving husband of Elizabeth, father of Jeremy, Robert and Nicholas. Late of Witheridge and Morchard Bishop.

**NELL** - On January 3rd 1988, at the West Suffolk Hospital, John Dennis Nell, of Wattisfield, Suffolk. Funeral Service at Wattisfield United Reformed Church, on Tuesday 12th January at 10.30 am, followed by Cremation. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to R.N.L.I., C/O F. Clutterham & Sons, 23 Mustow Street, Bury-St-Edmunds, 0284 754349.

**RAW** - On January 6th, peacefully after a long illness bravely borne, George Rupert Raw C.M.G. aged 76. Beloved husband of Joan and father of Vicky, Charles and Susie. Cremation at Putney Vale crematorium on Wednesday 13th January at 12.15pm. No letters please and family flowers only. Donations to Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

**SEYMOUR-SMITH** - On January 1st, peacefully at St. Leonards, Sussex, Marjorie, aged 84 years. Beloved mother of Martin and wife of the late Frank Seymour-Smith. All enquiries to Banfield & Pomphrey, 47 High Street, Hastings. Tel. (0424) 436731.

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**TUPPER** - On January 4th, at home in Petts Wood, after a long illness, Sydney John, dearly loved husband of Terry and devoted father of Susan and Pennie. Family service at Beckenham Crematorium on 12th January at 12 noon.

**WADDELL** - On January 6th, at Erskine hospital Herbert, dear husband of Bee and father of Robin, Alan, and Gordon. Loved by family and friends. Service at Hyndland Parish Church, Hyndland Road, Glasgow on Monday January 11th at 2.30pm. Private cremation thereafter. Family flowers only.

**WORSLEY** - On December 31st 1987, peacefully in Southampton, Mabel Lucy (Babs) aged 68 yrs. Formally of Littlewick, Lower Knaphill, Woking, Surrey. Funeral Service to be held on Monday 11th January at 11.45am, at Colebury Church, near Southampton. Enquiries to 0703 768440.

**WRIGHT** - On January 1st 1988, suddenly, Betty Lilian dearly loved wife of the late Admiral Sir Royston Wright. Funeral service at St. Laurence, Downton on Friday, January 8th at 2.15pm.

## MEMORIAL SERVICES

**MANNING** - A Memorial Mass for F. E. A. Manning, C.B.E., M.C., T.D., will be held in St. John's Church, Duncan Terrace, London, N1 at 11 am on 14th January 1988. Friends and colleagues from the Army, the GPO, University of London and City University would be particularly welcome.

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## Science report

# Predicting infections in mothers

### By Andrew Wiseman

Soviet immunologists claim they can predict which groups of pregnant women are at risk of developing certain infectious illnesses after childbirth.

Tests, evolved in the laboratories of the NF Gamaleya Institute of Epidemiology and Microbiology, of the USSR Academy of Medical Sciences, are said to have an accuracy of up to 90 per cent, and have already been used in a number of Soviet maternity clinics.

According to Professor Alexander Kalberg, the tests are based on the relationship between so-called receptors, which help cells to adapt themselves to biochemical changes within the body, and complementary anti-receptors, which are structurally linked to them and continuously monitor their performance.

Both receptors and anti-receptors, which are located in the R-proteins surrounding a cell, can influence its growth as well as other biosynthetic processes occurring within it. After Soviet scientists have been able to identify a particular anti-receptor which copies a specific cellular protein, they demonstrated in the laboratory that adding this anti-receptor to similar cells could suppress the synthesis of that protein, but — significantly — not of others.

This proved that anti-receptors were selective as far as individual proteins were concerned and that they played a vital role in maintaining or restoring the body's biochemical balance.

Further experiments also established that anti-receptors reacted selectively together with antibodies against viruses, which had previously been identified by complementary receptors.

Having confirmed that any cell could only function properly by its intricately balanced network of receptors and anti-receptors, the Soviet team decided to apply that knowledge to the diagnosis, prevention and treatment of some diseases.

To this end they have evolved tests to establish the level of R-proteins surrounding a cell, which enable them to forecast the risk of certain diseases and the effectiveness of a specific treatment.

They claim to have been particularly successful in this field of obstetrics. Some pregnant women, especially those with a medical history of infectious diseases, can suffer from an imbalance in their blood serum during the last three months of pregnancy, an excess of some proteins and a shortage of others, including immunoglobulins — proteins which act as essential antibodies.

The tests are said to predict the likelihood of such women developing infections of the uterus, the abdominal cavity and the breasts after childbirth.

Tests for R-proteins have also been successfully used to forecast the likely course of tuberculosis, the spread of some tumours and certain diseases of children.

The Soviet reseachers are certain they have found another tool for the prevention and treatment of some infections, caused by an imbalance in the body's all-important biological equilibrium.

# Catholic saint for Denmark

### From Christopher Follett, Copenhagen

Lutheran Denmark is to have a new Roman Catholic saint - its first for 400 years - when the Pope visits the country as part of his planned visit to Scandinavia and Iceland in the summer of 1989.

Niels Steensen, the leading 17th century Danish anatomist, scientist, geologist and philosopher, who died a Catholic bishop in 1685, is to be beatified, the first step towards the formal declaration of sainthood by the Roman Catholic Church.

The saint's day of Niels Steensen, who is known in Latin as Nicolaus Steno, is to be November 25.

Steenson was an important anatomist. He conducted revolutionary studies into the workings of the human heart, being the first scientist to discover that the heart functions like a muscle.

He also carried out important research into the function of the parotid gland, a large salivary gland connected to the mouth, a link unknown to medical scientists before Steenson's discoveries. The gland has since be called the *ductus Stenonianus*.

Born in Copenhagen 350 years ago, on January 1, 1638, Steensen spent most of his life outside his native Denmark, studying in the Netherlands, initially, and converting to Roman Catholocism in Florence at the age of 39. He was Bishop in four German cities, Hanover, Munster, Hamburg and finally Schwerin.

In Lutheran Denmark, where only 30,000 or less than 1 per cent of the population are Catholics, the canonisation of a Dane is a rare and major event. The last Danish saint - a Franciscan monk called Villehad - dates back to the 16th century. Denmark, a bastion of Lutheran Protestantism since the Reformation, has only had eight saints so far in its history

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The Charity Commissioners propose to make a Scheme for this Charity. Copies of the draft Scheme may be obtained from them (ref: 268496-CD(S1) at St Alban's House, 57-60 Haymarket, London SW1Y 4QX. Objections and suggestions may be sent to them within one month from today.

## LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
NO. 006739 of 1987
IN THE MATTER OF ABELSCOT
GROUP PLC
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES
ACT 1985

Notice is hereby given that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 14th December 1987 confirming the cancellation of an amount of £9,206,674 standing to the credit of the Share Premium Account of the above-named Company was registered by the Registrar of Companies on 23rd December 1987.

Dated this 30th day of December 1987
Travers Smith Braithwaite of 6 Snow Hill, London EC1A 2AL.
Solicitors for the above-named Company.

APPLICATION NO: 541987
LANDS TRIBUNAL ACT 1949
NOTICE OF AN APPLICATION
FOR DISCHARGE (WHOLLY) OR
MODIFICATION OF RESTRICTIVE
COVENANTS

TAKE NOTICE that an Application for discharge (wholly) or modification of restrictive covenants imposed by a Conveyance dated the 2nd day of October 1924 between PERCY PORTWAY HARVEY of the one part and FREDERICK WOODHAMS of the other part affecting the property known as land adjoining Mayfield Blackhall Lane Sevenoaks in the County of Kent has been made to the land Tribunal pursuant to Section 84 of the law of property Act 1925 as amended by the Law of Property Act 1969 by Berkeley Homes (Kent) Limited whose Registered Office is situate at Langton Priory Portsmouth Road Guildford Surrey GU2 5EH as Freeholder to permit the erection on the said land of one dwelling-house, pursuant to the planning permission granted by the Sevenoaks District Council on the 5th day of June 1985 (Application Reference No. SE/82/594A), or alternatively pursuant to the planning permission granted by the said District Council on the 26th day of September 1986 (Application reference No. SE/86/1153) A copy of the Application, plan of the land and Conveyance dated the 2nd day of October 1924 may be inspected at the office of the Applicant's Solicitors Messrs. Pritchard Joyce and Hinds of St. Brides House 32 High Street Beckenham Kent and Ibbett Mosely Card of 125 High Street Sevenoaks Kent on any weekday except Saturday between the hours of 9.00 am and 5.00 pm

The restrictions affecting the above property are as follows:-

"The land hereby conveyed shall be used for residential purposes only. Only one house may be erected on each acre nor shall any act deed or thing be done or permitted to be thereon, or in or upon any building erected thereon which may be or grow to be an annoyance, nuisance, damage or disturbance to the Vendor or to the owner or tenant of any other portion of the Wilderness Estate. No roads shall be formed or laid out upon any portion of the Estate except with the special licence and consent of the Vendor

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The grounds of the Application fall within paragraphs (a) (aa) and (c) of subsection (1) of Section 84 of the Law Property Act 1925 namely:-

(a) that by reason of changes in the character of the property or the neighbourhood or other circumstances of the case which the Land Tribunal may deem material, the restriction ought to be deemed obsolete; or

(aa) that in a case falling within subsection (1A) below the continued existence thereof would impede some reasonable user of the land for public or private purposes...or as the case may be, would unless modified so impede such user; or

(c) that the proposed discharge or modification will not injure the persons entitled to the benefit of the restriction

(1A) Subsection (1) (aa) above authorises the discharge or modification of a restriction by reference to its impeding some reasonable users of land in any case in which the Lands Tribunal is satisfied that the restriction, in impeding that user: either-

(a) does not secure to persons entitled to the benefit of it any practical benefits of substantial value or advantage to them; or

(b) is contrary to the public interest; and that money will be adequate compensation for the loss or disadvantage (if any) which any such person will suffer from the discharge or modification

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Dated 7th day of January 1988
Messrs. Pritchard Joyce and Hinds
St. Brides House
32 High Street
Beckenham
Kent
Tel No. 01 658 3922
Applicants Solicitors

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
No. 006810 of 1987
MR JUSTICE PETER GIBSON
Monday 7th December, 1987
IN THE MATTER OF HILLSDOWN HOLDINGS PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE
COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE is hereby given that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 7th December, 1987 confirming the cancellation of an amount of £180,000,000 standing to the credit of the Share Premium Account of the above-named Company was registered with the Registrar of Companies on 22nd December, 1987.

Dated this 30th day of December, 1987
HERBERT SMITH.
Watling House,
35, Cannon Street,
LONDON, EC4M 5SD.
Tel: 01 489 8000
Ref: 72
Solicitors for the above-named Company

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
No. 006562 of 1987
IN THE MATTER OF THE PRIVATE
CAPITAL PARTNERSHIP LIMITED
-and-
IN THE MATTER OF
THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated the 14th day of December 1987 confirming the reduction of the Share Premium Account of the above-named Company by £5,350,000 was registered by the Registrar of Companies on the 22nd day of December 1987.

Dated this 5th day of January 1988
DURRANT PIESSE
73 Cheapside
London EC2V 6ER
Solicitors for the
above-named Company
Ref: KJP/DSB/P.5919

IN THE MATTER OF
FORMAT PAPER LIMITED
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
NO: 6504 of 1986
BY ORDER OF THE HIGH COURT
Dated this 28th day of July 1987
MR BRIAN MILLS

of Booth, White & Co. NEM House, 3/5 Rickmansworth Road, Watford, Herts WD1 7HG has been appointed Liquidator of the above company with a Committee of Inspection.

Dated: 23/12/87
BRIAN MILLS
LIQUIDATOR

PERECO INTERNATIONAL
TRANSPORT LIMITED

Take notice that I, Ian Douglas Barker Bond of 128 Queen Victoria Street, London, EC4, was appointed Liquidator of the above named company on 13th July 1987. Any claims or debts should be notified or paid to me at the aforementioned address.

Dated 4th January 1988
I D B Bond
Liquidator

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TENNIS

# Gomer's best form proves practice enough for Shriver

From Barry Wood, Sydney

Sara Gomer, the British No. 2, came within sight of victory over Pam Shriver, the top seed, in the second round of the New South Wales Open here yesterday.

Miss Gomer lost 6-7, 7-5, 6-2 in two hours after leading by a set, 3-1 and 40-0 on Miss Shriver's service. The American was on the ropes and one more point in Miss Gomer's favour would surely have put her on the floor. Despite her defeat, Miss Gomer's performance was outstanding. She ran, served, volleyed and retrieved better than ever.

Miss Shriver's problem was that she went on court believing the match was going to be a walk-over. Their previous matches had been one-way traffic and there was no reason to suppose this would be different.

"I thought I'd win this one pretty comfortably and then go out for 45 minutes practice," Miss Shriver explained. "I was up a break and then I started serving poorly and she started returning better. Then I thought I'd win the tie-break, but you don't just think you're going to win and then have it happen. You've got to produce.

"Then I was down 1-3, 0-40 and thinking that if she wins one of the next three points then, with two breaks, it was probably over. It was really a good lesson because I know Sara's a good player. You have to respect someone with that height and a left serve and I went out there without any respect."

Miss Gomer agreed it was the best match of her life. "I think I can learn so much from the match, about how to win matches like that. At Brighton I played quite well against her but didn't really feel I could win. But today, all the way through until the very end, I always felt I was in with a shout."

The third set contained only one break until the final game but it was one from which Miss Gomer never looked likely to recover. But she did not stop trying.

**MEN'S SINGLES: First round:** M Flur (US) bt W Masur (Aus), 6-4, 6-4; J Fitzgerald (Aus) bt R Schmidt (US), 3-6, 7-5, 6-3. **Second round:** B Moir (SA) bt P Doohan (Aus), 7-5, 6-4; C van Rensburg (SA) bt S Youl (Aus), 6-4, 6-3; D Cahill (Aus) bt A Castle (GB), 7-6, 6-3; B Drewett (Aus) bt Flur, 6-2, 6-4; J Rive (US) bt A Olkhovski (USSR), 6-2, 6-7, 7-6; A Chesnokov (USSR) bt C Pridham (Can), 6-2, 7-5; Fitzgerald bt R Smith (Bahamas), 3-6, 7-6, 6-2; A Volkov (USSR) bt M Narducci (It), 6-1, 3-0, rtd.

**WOMEN'S SINGLES: Second round:** H Sukova (Cz) bt R McQuillan (Aus), 7-5, 6-2; C Kohde-Kilsch (WG) bt S Wasserman (Bel), 6-3, 6-2; A Henricksson (US) bt M Yanagi (Japan), 7-5, 4-6, 6-4; C Lindqvist (Swe) bt J Thompson (Aus), 4-6, 6-4, 6-2. M Lindstrom (Swe) bt E Smylie (Aus), 6-2, 6-3; J Novotna (Cz) bt C Suire (Fr), 6-2, 7-6; E Inoue (Japan) bt B Nagelsen (US), 7-6, 6-3; P Shriver (US) bt S Gomer (GB), 6-7, 7-5, 6-2; B Schultz (Neth) bt S Hanika (WG), 6-4, 6-4; H Witvoet (Neth) bt R Fairbank (US), 6-3, 6-7, 6-3; P Fendick (US) bt J Salmon (GB), 6-2, 6-0. **Third round:** Lindqvist bt A Minter (Aus), 6-3, 7-6; Sukova bt J Durie (GB), 6-3, 6-3.

●**AUCKLAND:** Jim Pugh, of the United States, reached the quarter-finals of the Benson and Hedges grand prix tournament here, helped by intensive training sessions with his father. Pugh, the No. 6 seed, was on court for two and a half hours yesterday as he beat Christian Bergstrom.

**RESULTS: Second round:** J Grabb (US) bt D Lewis (NZ), 3-6, 6-3, 6-0; J Pugh (US) bt C Bergstrom (Swe), 2-6, 6-3, 10-8; J Frawley (Aus) bt G Connell (Can), 0-6, 6-4, 6-1; B Dyke (Aus) bt J Svensson (Swe), 6-4, 1-6, 8-6; A Chesnokov (USSR) bt C Pridham (Can), 6-2, 7-5.

## Champion is content

**Adelaide (Reuter) — Stefan Edberg, the Australian Open champion, is confident he can adapt to the new Rebound Ace surface, laid for this year's tournament, which starts next Monday.**

**The Swede, aged 21, has been practising on it since his arrival last week and said yesterday: "It should suit my game if I'm fit and play well. I think it will be alright for me."**

**The Wimbledon champion, Pat Cash, of Australia, feels the surface should suit all players, whether they are serve and volley experts or prefer to play from the baseline.**

**"You can stay back if you want to or you can come into the net and therefore I think it makes it better all round. Grass tends to be a big server's paradise and clay more the other way around, so this is in between," Cash said, before the start of a six-man round-robin tournament.**

**Several clubs in Australia have chosen to relay their courts with laminated Rebound Ace since it was chosen for the Tennis Centre in Melbourne, which is the new venue for the Australian Open.**

**Until last year the Open was played on the grass courts at Kooyong. The White City stadium, venue of the New South Wales Open, will replace its grass courts with Rebound Ace next year.**

**Edberg said his fitness was improving and his training was on schedule, following a nagging ankle problem which kept him out of the the Davis Cup final against India. "I don't think I'm too far behind because I needed a rest after the long year and it was necessary to get fresh again," he said.**

BASKETBALL

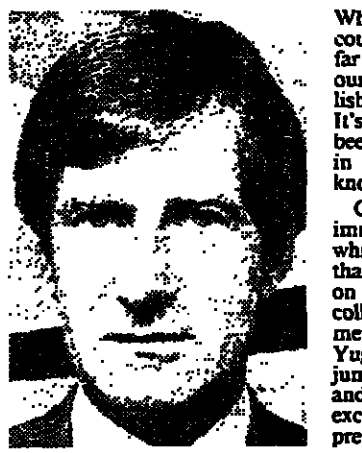
# United spirit should survive

By Nicholas Harling

Whatever the name of the club, basketball seems certain to survive in Manchester. Even if Manchester United will, as now seems probable, concentrate solely on running a football club, there will be room for the other ball-game, if not at Stretford, its present home, then perhaps at Altrincham, the home of the former Giants, before they merged with United two years ago.

On the evidence of Tuesday's Korac Cup tie, in which United suffered a narrow, 99-93 defeat to Cibona Zagreb, of Yugoslavia, the would-be new owners will be buying from Martin Edwards a team capable of competing with the best of European clubs. The United chairman asked for more time yesterday to consider the offer from David Kay, the chairman, and Richard Greenwood, the managing director of the Manchester-based consumer management group, People Management Limited.

They have told Edwards they are prepared to buy his shares at a reasonable price. Greenwood, the former England Rugby Union captain, said yesterday: "We are extremely interested. We are waiting for United to make a decision. We are in contact and we will be meeting with the United board very soon. We are girding up our loins for an interesting discussion."



Edwards: time to consider

Neither Kay nor Greenwood had seen a basketball game until six weeks ago but the enthusiasm of Joe Whelton, the United coach, and Alton Byrd, their outstanding player, has obviously proved infectious during the time they have spent working with the group.

Greenwood, who describes the game as "a potent force in sport", added: "Since it has been allowed to drift recently from its high point, it can obviously be better served by being run by enthusiasts. It might have something going for it."

Byrd's 21 points against Zagreb was a persuasive argument and though United now have no chance of making the last four, Whelton was sufficiently encouraged to say: "By getting this far in Europe, Kingston and ourselves have shown that English basketball players can play. It's an old cliche to say we've been knocking on the door but in the years to come we'll be knocking it down."

Cibona rarely utilized their immense height advantage, which was illustrated by the fact that Arapovic, the tallest man on court, at 7ft 1in, only collected six points. At times, merely by reaching up, the Yugoslavs beat the United jumpers for rebounds but they, and especially Petrovic, their exceptional guard, invariably preferred to demonstrate their prowess with three-point shots from outside the key. Three-point shooting has become such an accomplished art in Yugoslavia that for domestic competition there has been a motion to get the three-point line moved two feet further back.

However gallant United's response, though, it seems they can do nothing to appease the shareholders, who clearly have not taken kindly to seeing some of the money they part with at the Old Trafford turnstiles being ploughed back into what they consider a minor sport in which they take no interest. If the basketball club had been making money, they might have been placated. The fact that they are heading for a third annual loss of around £70,000 has brought matters to a head.

ATHLETICS

# Gang of four agree to attend trial

Britain's chances of success at the world cross-country championships in Auckland received a boost yesterday when four top English runners agreed to take part in the trial at Gateshead.

Dave Lewis, Tim Hutchings, Jon Richards and Eamonn Martin all confirmed their appearance in the McVitie's trial at the end of this month. The first seven men across the line are guaranteed a place in New Zealand on March 26.

The news provided some relief for the selectors, who seemed resigned to the prospect of being unable to send their strongest squad to Auckland.

Dave Clarke, the Wimbledon national champion, said he is unlikely to compete in New Zealand because it clashes with his Olympic marathon plans.

The position of Lewis, the Rossendale runner who won the Mallusk event in Northern Ireland at the weekend, is less clear. After the recent IAC race at Cardiff, he said he too would probably be a non-starter unless he won the trial. On present form, however, he looks likely to start favourite at Gateshead.

Hutchings, the European and Commonwealth 5,000 metres bronze medal winner, is keen to emulate his world championship silver medal of 1984, while Richards and Martin could prove to be the linch-pins in the Auckland squad.

WINTER SPORTS

Winter warmer: Carole Merle, back at her best, giving the home crowd some cheer

# First Alpine win for Merle

Tignes, France (Reuter) — Carole Merle, of France, upstaged the favourites in a World Cup giant slalom and seized her first win on the Alpine skiing circuit yesterday. She recorded the third-fastest time in the first leg of the race but stepped up her pace in the second to clock a combined time of 2min 27.96sec.

Maria Walliser, of Switzerland, returned to the forefront of the technically demanding discipline by taking second place in 2:28.62, fractionally ahead of Blanca Fernandez Ochoa, of Spain, who was third in 2:28.63.

Merle's surprise win followed her third place here in the second of six World Cup giant slaloms on Tuesday, her best placing since 1984. She was off the circuit early this season after an operation and was hampered by a broken ankle last year.

The two-leg race, of 46 and 51 gates with a 340-metre drop, took place on hard snow under an overcast sky that skiers said made visibility difficult. Michela Figini, of Switzerland, who slipped but remained in control on the second leg to finish fourteenth, stayed top of the overall World Cup standings

The two races at Tignes were originally set for Megeve and Les Diablerets, Switzerland. But the lack of snow throughout Europe has radically changed the World Cup schedule.

**RESULTS:** 1, C Merle (Fr), 2min 27.96sec; 2, M Walliser (Switz), 2:28.62; 3, B Fernandez Ochoa (Sp), 2:28.63; 4, C Quittet (Fr), 2:28.64; 5, V Schneider (Switz), 2:28.90; 6, S Wolf (Austria), 2:29.33; 7, A Wachter (Austria), 2:29.57; 8, M Kiehl (WG), 2:29.78; 9, I Salvenmoser (Austria), 2:29.84; 10, C Kinshofer (WG), 2:29.91. **Overall giant slalom standings:** 1, Quittet, 57pts; 2, Schneider, 56; 3, Merle, 47; 4, Walliser, 40; 5, Wachter, 30; 6, M Figini (Switz), 29; 7, M Svet (Yug), 25; 8, Fernandez Ochoa, 23; 9, Wolf, 19; =10, M Gerg (WG) and Kiehl, 16. **Overall World Cup standings:** 1, Figini, 106pts; =2, Wachter and Fernandez Ochoa, 90; 4, Walliser, 85; 5, Schneider, 80; 6, Wolf, 78; 7, B Oertli (Switz), 66; 8, Svet, 65; 9, Gerg, 64; 10, Quittet, 57.

● **BISCHOFSHOFEN,** Austria: Matti Nykaenen, of Finland, won the World Cup ski jumping event here yesterday and emerged as the overall winner of the four-hill tournament (AP reports). No other athlete for many years has dominated ski jumping as Nykaenen does now:

**RESULTS:** 1, M Nykaenen (Fin), 229.70pts; 2, P Ulaga (Yug), 208.90; 3, O Eckhammer (Nor), 207.70; 4, V Opaas (Nor), 207.50; 5, H Kuttin (Austria), 207.10; 6, F Wiegele (Austria), 203.30; 7, P Ploc (Cz), 203.00; 8, P Suorsa (Fin), 200.30; 9, E Vettori (Austria), 200.10; 10, O Fidjestoel (Nor), 198.40. **Final overall standings:** 1, Nykaenen, 887.7pts; 2, J Weissflog (EG), 788.7; 3, J Parma (Cz), 767.6; 4, C Hauswirth (Switz), 753.5; 5, Wiegele, 752.7; 6, S Taellberg (Swe), 751.5; 7, M Tepes (Yug), 748.2; 8, A Bauer (WG), 741.0; 9, T Ylipulli (Fin), 731.5; 10, J Puikkonen (Fin), 726.3. **World Cup standings** (after 10 events): 1, Nykaenen, 195pts; 2, Ploc, 137; 3, Parma, 90; 4, Weissflog, 71; 5, Taellberg, 60; 6, D Thoma (WG), 58; 7, Tepes, 54; =8, Ulaga and E Vettori (Austria), 51.

HOCKEY

# Britain's changes bring sharpness

From Sydney Friskin
Barcelona

**Spain ......... 0**
**Great Britain ......... 3**

Great Britain's comprehensive victory over Spain here yesterday was rewarded with third place in the four nations tournament and a handsome trophy for their hard work. They had also beaten Spain 2-0 in the round-robin series.

Positional changes in the British side gave them a much sharper outlook. Thompson was switched to outside left and Morris, from Northern Ireland, took over at centre forward to score two goals. Potter was more comfortable in his accustomed place at right half and Mayer was dropped to make way for Garcia at outside right.

In a blank first half Spain had two short corners from which their captain, Ignacio Escude, misfired on both occasions. For that matter Britain took no profit from two of these awards but the mechanics worked better 12 minutes after the interval when Hazlitt cleverly flicked the ball to the right of the circle and Kirkwood, another Ulsterman, drove it hard into goal.

Between the eighteenth and 23rd minutes there were two more goals for Britain. A high chip from Hazlitt landed near Thompson, who passed to Morris for his first goal. Then a brilliant shot by Morris from Thompson's square pass completed the rout of Spain, who made a spirited attempt to recover and then gave up the chase.

It was a wise decision by the Great Britain Hockey Board to broaden the horizons of younger players by selecting them for international competition. It now remains to be seen how many of them will make it to the Champions Trophy tournament starting on March 25 at Lahore, where the opposition will be much tougher. The teams taking part there are Pakistan, West Germany, Australia, Britain, the Soviet Union and Spain.

This will be the first big international tournament under the new rules; and Roger Self, the British team manager, holds the view that it will not be a great indicator of Olympic performances. The new laws allow more scope to the attacker, who cannot be judged offside until he is over the 25-yard line, but the intentional lobbing of the ball into the circle has been banned.

West Germany won the tournament later in the day but they had to struggle to defeat Argentina 3-2 in an exciting final. Fischer's early goal from a short corner for West Germany was answered by Mascheroni and Geneyro in the first half. Fischer and Blocher scored from short corners for the Germans in the second half.

**SPAIN:** S Grau; I Escude (capt), J Armengol, X Caoot, I Inglesia, X Escude, J C Peon, M Garcia, E Fabregas, J Escude, J Malgosa.

**GREAT BRITAIN:** V Pappin; S Hazlitt, J Duthie, J Potter (capt), M Sloan, M Burns, R Garcia, J Kirkwood, N Thompson, M Grimley, K Morris.

**Umpires:** R Wolter (West Germany) and J C Sala (Spain).

● Teddington won the veterans tournament with a 100 per cent record from three matches and Altrincham Grammar School from Cheshire carried off the prize for girls, having won all four matches.

**RESULTS: Four nations tournament:** Great Britain 3, Spain 0; West Germany 3, Argentina 2. **Final placings:** 1, West Germany; 2, Argentina; 3, Great Britain; 4, Spain. **Club tournament:** Egara 1, East Juniors 1; Club de Campo 2, Oxford Hawks 1; Real Club de Polo 4, East Juniors 1. **Veterans:** Teddington 6, Junior HC 1 (Teddington win tournament).

COMMONWEALTH GAMES

# Scope for increase in sports

Fresh sports could be introduced at the 1994 Commonwealth Games following high-level discussions between sports administrators from 46 countries in London today and tomorrow.

More than 100 delegates will attend the first Commonwealth Games Federation general assembly outside of the Games — and high on their agenda will be the question of whether to change a well-worn format by finding room for additional sports.

David Dixon, the federation's honorary secretary, said: "We have been going on the same list of sports for many years and we thought it was the right time to look at the possibility of having new events. But I don't think it would be fair to say which sports will be considered because we don't want to raise false hopes. It may be that the programme remains the same."

He added that any decisions made by the assembly would be announced on Saturday morning.

The main business of the delegates will be to establish an executive board for the federation and representatives from the Auckland organizing committee will present a report on their progress towards staging the 1990 Games.

Representatives from Cardiff and Victoria, Canada — the rival candidates for the 1994 Games — will also attend, though their presentations and the final selection will not be made until the general assembly in Seoul before the Olympic Games.

Peter Heatly, the Federation chairman, said this week's meeting was an historic occasion

SQUASH RACKETS

# Harris challenges Jansher to test his world standing

By Colin McQuillan

The world does not stand still for promising young players who suddenly bloom into full senior achievement. Del Harris, who won a record fourth successive British under-19 open title on Tuesday to complement the senior national title he virtually hijacked last month, has signed to play a £10,000, six-match challenge series against Jansher Khan, the world champion.

Still determined to cap his junior career with a four-part grand slam, Harris, aged 18, from Dedham, Essex, wants to win the British under-23 open, which starts in London on January 16, and then the junior world championship in Edinburgh in March. He won the under-23 closed title last September and will play as England's youngest-ever representative in next month's home internationals.

So accustomed is the British sporting public to failure of national heroes on the international scene, however, that even close supporters of Harris wonder if he can maintain his momentum on the world circuit.

"I am just as keen as everyone else to find out how I rate on the world scene," Harris said after defeating Sabir Butt, of Canada, 9-3, 9-5, 9-3 in the 45-minute under-19 final. Because of his low ranking the International Squash Players' Association will require Harris to qualify for their grand prix tournaments.

His manager, Norman Norrington, is aiming at automatic main draw entry before the end of next season. "In the meantime, I have to keep him developing and the only way to do that is by matching him with the best, one way or another."

The challenge matches against Jansher, the 18-year-old Pakistani, who has developed prodigiously on a higher scale, will be between February 18 and 27 at various English venues. "They are real money challenges, not exhibitions," Norrington insists. "One of Del's long-term sponsors is backing him and we have agreement in principle for another series around Europe against Jahangir Khan."

At least one of the challenge matches will be at Ardleigh Hall, the Essex club at which Harris has been based since the age of nine and which appears to be sharing his rising fortunes. While their champion was creating records, the rest of his James Capel Ardleigh squad were in Manchester increasing their lead in the American Express National League by beating the Jim Hall Northern squad 4-1.

**BRITISH OPEN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS: Finals: Under-19:** D Harris (Essex) bt S Butt (Can), 9-3, 9-5, 9-3. **Under-18:** S Parke (Yorkshire) bt S Ross (Surrey), 9-6, 9-4, 9-8. **Under-14:** J Rennie (Merseyside) bt A Pursglove (Hampshire), 9-5, 9-1, 9-2.

**AMERICAN EXPRESS LEAGUE: First division:** Jim Hall Sports Northern 1, James Capel Ardleigh 4; Poundstretcher Dunnings Mill 2, InterCity Cannons 3; Fin Simod Herts 2, Village Leisure 3.

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| James Capel Ardleigh | 8 | 7 | 1 | 42 |
| InterCity Cannons | 8 | 6 | 2 | 38 |
| Village Leisure | 8 | 6 | 2 | 36 |
| Jim Hall Sports Northern | 8 | 4 | 4 | 28 |
| Central Motors Leicester | 7 | 4 | 3 | 25 |
| Fin Simod Herts | 8 | 2 | 6 | 19 |
| Castlemaine Weston | 7 | 1 | 6 | 16 |
| Pndstrcher Dunnings Mill | 8 | 1 | 7 | 13 |

SHOW JUMPING

# Every reason for Olympic success

By Jenny MacArthur

Five more professional riders, including Harvey and Robert Smith and Liz Edgar, have made themselves available for Olympic selection after successfully applying to the FEI (Fédération Equestre Internationale, the sport's ruling body) to revert to competitor status — a change made possible by the IOC ruling announced last spring. Lynn Chapman and Sally Mapleson make up the five.

With three other former professionals — David Broome, Malcolm Pyrah and Nick Skelton — having already taken advantage of the ruling, the selectors are now able to choose their Olympic team from the country's top riders for the first time since 1972. As General Sir Cecil Blacker, chairman of the selectors, said yesterday: "There can be no more excuses."

Because two of the eight former professionals — Pyrah and Broome — are on the present selection committee, General Blacker has formed a sub-committee of five, with himself as chairman, which will have the sole task of selecting the Olympic team. Ronnie Massarella, the team manager, Pat Koechlin-Smythe, Douglas Bunn and Graham Fletcher make up the committee.

Mrs Edgar, Broome's sister, is the most likely Olympic candidate out of the five recent recruits. Her top horse, the eight-year-old Everest Rapier, owned by Lady Inchcape, has shown consistent top form recently, although she does have some reservations: "In some ways he's not an ideal Olympic horse because he's slightly more careful than he is brave. He's always going to win a lot of classes, but he's not in the same mould as John Whitaker's Next Milton."

But Mrs Edgar, who had to miss the 1980 Alternative Olympics when her horse, Everest Forever, contracted a virus (she became a professional later that year), admits that she would relish the chance of competing at Seoul.

Harvey Smith has made no bones about his wish to compete at Seoul. An Olympic team member in 1968 and 1972 before turning professional, his chief problem, like that of his son Robert, is convincing the selectors that he has a horse of Olympic calibre. Brook Street Shining Example, his top horse, helped win the Olympic team silver medal at Los Angeles in 1984 when ridden by his son Steven, but he is now 15 and may not have the stamina for the three gruelling rounds of an Olympic Games.

Ironically, Pyrah's Olympic participation depends on a 16-year-old horse — Towerlands Anglezarke. But age has yet to catch up with the magnificant gelding who, with the three other key Olympic contenders — John and Michael Whitaker and Skelton, helped win the European team gold medal last year.

Pyrah, who at 46 is three years younger than Smith, knows this will be his first and last chance to compete at an Olympics.

BOWLS

# England call for Holt

By David Rhys Jones

David Holt, a former crown-green player with only three years' experience of flat greens, who made his reputation last August when he won the national outdoor pairs and singles titles at Worthing, is one of four new caps in England's indoor team chosen to compete in the home international series at Hartlepool in April.

Holt, aged 21, will lead for Tony Allcock, who, with the introduction of Keith Renwick as his second man, has been given a completely new front end. So has Andy Thomson, whose Cyphers club colleague, Gary Smith, is at No. 3, with Ronnie Gass at two and, confusingly, another Gary Smith — this one from Sunderland — at lead.

That the other four rinks from last winter's winning side have been chosen *en bloc* will surprise no one, even though those skipped by John Bell and David Ward had a hard time in Sunday's final trial.

**ENGLAND:** B Morley (Nottingham), M Biggs (Thamesdown), W Richards (Cambridge Park), P Bramfield (Clevedon); J Ottaway (Wymondham Dell), C Simpson (Hartlepool), D Cutler (Plymouth CS), J Bell (Cumbria); R Morgan (East Dorset), R Cutts (Ipswich), W Hobart (Boston), D Bryant (Clevedon); D Denison (Dawlish), S Halmai (Paddington), J Lambert (Stanley), D Ward (North Walsham); D Holt (Bowlers), K Renwick (Preston, Brighton), M Woodhouse (North Walsham), A Allcock (Cotswold); G Smith (Sunderland), R Gass (Cumbria), G Smith (Cyphers), A Thomson (Cyphers). **Reserves:** R Hart (Essex County), J Rednall (Ipswich), G Harrington (Isis), G Little (Cambridge Park), J Thurlbeck (Stanley), M Hughes (Hartlepool).

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Queen's Bench Divisional Court

Law Report December 7 1987

# Intention of third party relevant

**Regina v Central Criminal Court, Ex parte Francis & Francis (a Firm)**

Before Lord Justice Lloyd and Mr Justice Macpherson

[Judgment December 21]

The intention of furthering a criminal purpose under section 10(2) of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 was not limited to the intention of the solicitor holding the documents but extended to cover a client who, whether knowingly or unknowingly, was furthering a criminal purpose by laundering the proceeds of drug trafficking.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in dismissing an application for judicial review by Francis & Francis, a firm of solicitors, of a production order made by Judge Machin at the Central Criminal Court on June 12, 1987.

The Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984, provides by section 10: "(1) . . . items subject to 'legal privilege' means — (a) communications between a professional legal adviser and his client . . . when they are in the possession of a person who is entitled to possession of them.

"(2) Items held with the intention of furthering a criminal purpose are not items subject to legal privilege."

Mr Alan Newman and Mr Oscar Del Fabbro for the solicitors; Mr Michael Worseley QC and Mr David Spens for the prosecution.

LORD JUSTICE LLOYD said the case raised a question as to the definition of "items subject to legal privilege" in section 10 of the 1984 Act as incorporated in the Drug Traffic Offences Act 1986 by section 29(2).

The facts were that the police were currently investigating the affairs of a suspect whom they believed to be trafficking in drugs on a very large scale. They believed he used the proceeds to provide sums of money to members of his family for the purchase of properties. One such person was Mrs G, a client of Francis & Francis.

On June 2, 1987 Mr Recorder Crespi, QC, sitting at the Central Criminal Court, made an *ex parte* order under section 27 of the 1986 Act for the production by Francis & Francis of all the files in their possession relating to Mrs G's financial transactions and dealings.

The applicants applied to discharge or vary the order before Judge Machin as a result of which the scope of the production order was narrowed.

The applicants applied for judicial review to quash Judge Machin's order arguing the production order should never have been made as there were no grounds for suspecting that the material to which the application related did not "consist of or include items subject to legal privilege" within the meaning of section 27(4)(b)(ii) of the 1986 Act.

Mr Newman submitted that items such as correspondence were *prima facie* subject to legal privilege within section 10(1)(a) of the 1984 Act. He argued that privilege was not excluded by section 10(2) as the relevant intention was that of the person holding the items, namely, the applicants.

However, his Lordship found section 10(1) of the 1984 Act was a statutory enactment of the common law as to legal professional privilege and section 10(2) corresponded to the exception grafted on the common law by *R v Cox and Railton* ((1884) 14 QBD 153).

The relevant intention at least included the intention of a client, but did it include the intention of a third party? His Lordship felt great hesitation about that, but he was fortified by Mr Newman's concession that "a criminal purpose" in section 10(2) meant any criminal purpose.

That being so, the logic of the argument led to the conclusion that the criminal purpose could be that of a third party as well as the client, or if the client was the innocent beneficiary of the third party's criminal purpose.

That was the position in the present case on the facts alleged by the police and the suspect's criminal purpose was sufficient to bring the case within section 10(2) of the 1984 Act.

Solicitors: Francis & Francis, Wembley; Crown Prosecution Service, Headquarters.

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Queen's Bench Division

# Lessee time barred against surveyors

**Kitney v Jones Lang Wootton (a Firm)**

Before Mr Justice Nolan

[Judgment December 18]

A lessee who failed to fulfil a repairing covenant in his lease and who thereby lost the right to renew, was time barred in a tort action against the chartered surveyors who had failed to carry out the work necessary to fulfil the covenant as the material date was the one by which the lessee was obliged to fulfil the covenant and not the date on which a judge held the lessee did not have the right to renew for failing to comply with the repairing covenants.

Mr Justice Nolan so held in the Queen's Bench Division in finding a preliminary question as to limitation in favour of Jones Lang Wootton, the defendant firm of chartered surveyors, in a tort action brought by Mr Alan William Kitney, the plaintiff lessee.

The Limitation Act 1980 provides by section 2: "An action founded on tort shall not be brought after the expiration of six years from the date on which the cause of action accrued."

Mr Ian Romer for Mr Kitney; Mr Mark Strachan, QC, for Jones Lang Wootton.

MR JUSTICE NOLAN said the plaintiff alleged the defendants negligently failed to carry out certain repair work to property in which the plaintiff held a leasehold interest. Such work was required under a clause in the plaintiff's lease.

The defendants were a firm of chartered surveyors who on April 9, 1974 were instructed by the plaintiff to prepare a schedule of works required to comply with a repairing covenant in the plaintiff's lease.

Clause 5(2) of the lease provided that if the lessee wanted to extend the lease for a term beyond the expiration of the original term he could do so by giving six months' notice. Provided the lessee paid the rent and observed the covenants and conditions in the lease, it would be renewed for a further term.

By clause 3(b) of the lease the lessee entered into a repairing covenant which provided that during the last year of the original term he would paint the premises and yield them up in good repair.

In 1966 the lease was vested in the plaintiff and remained so until its expiration in December 1974. In May 1974 the plaintiff served notice of his desire to extend the lease.

In October 1974 the defendants put in hand and supervised the carrying out of the work.

On May 9, 1984, Mr Michael Wheeler, QC, sitting as an additional judge of the Chancery Division in proceedings entitled *Kitney v Greater London Properties Ltd* held that the repairing covenant had not been complied with and by reason thereof the plaintiff was not entitled to have the lease extended.

The present action was brought for damages for loss of the extension of the lease. It was common ground that the action could be brought in tort.

The two material dates were either December 25, 1974 when the stipulated time for the plaintiff to comply with the repairing covenant expired or May 9, 1984 when Mr Wheeler held the covenant was not complied with. If it were the former, the claim would be time barred.

In support of the latter, Mr Romer argued that the damage only crystallized at the date of the decision and until then there was no certainty the plaintiff would fail.

The difficulty of Mr Romer's approach was that it adopted a subjective assessment for the prospect of success to postpone the date of accrual of damage.

Mr Romer's approach could only be sustained on the broader ground that, irrespective of the plaintiff's expectation, it was Mr Wheeler's decision which precipitated the damage.

However, his Lordship preferred Mr Strachan's submission that Mr Wheeler's decision merely confirmed that the right to a new lease was lost on December 25, 1974.

Solicitors: Dale & Newbery, Staines; D. J. Freeman & Co.

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RACING: REVIVAL IN DOUGHTY'S FORTUNES TO CONTINUE AT EDINBURGH

# Scottish Simbir can follow up

By Mandarin

Colin Tinkler's progressive hurdler Swingit Gunner has helped revive Neale Doughty's riding career this season and I expect the Welsh jockey to continue his upward path with a victory on Scottish Simbir in the Tennent's Novices' Chase at Edinburgh today.

Doughty, famous for his 1984 Grand National victory on Hallo Dandy, lost his retainer to the powerful Greystoke stable of Gordon Richards two years ago. He turned freelance, but after a series of injuries struggled to find good rides.

Swingit Gunner changed all that and now Doughty can demonstrate his talents again on Scottish Simbir, who gave him a winning ride in a handicap hurdle at Ayr last month when belying his odds of 25-1 with a gallant short-head victory over Mirpur.

Wilf Crawford's eight-year-old, who will have benefited from that outing, his first of the season, was placed in two novice chases last term, at Sedgefield and on today's course.

He looks a chaser with plenty of potential and is preferred to the two chasing winners in today's field, Atkinsons and Beau Derek, who have to concede my selection 7lb.

No matter how Atkinsons fares, Gordon Richards should certainly be on the mark in the opening event, the Musselburgh Links Novices' Hurdle, with his promising four-year-old Hockley, who is my nap.

Hockley, after leading over the final flight, was caught in the last few strides by Gennaro over 2½ miles at Edinburgh last month.

Gennaro has since boosted the form with an impressive victory at Newcastle and has been backed at long odds for the Triumph Hurdle at Cheltenham, so that looked a useful performance by Hockley, who will appreciate a return to the minimum distance.

Exit Laughing has seven lengths to make up on Hockley on their Edinburgh run, but should still be respected, while Salacity, from George Moore's in-form stable, had some useful form on the Flat when trained by Guy Harwood last year. But I am content to rely on Hockley.

Mary Reveley, denied a run with Burnditch Boy at Market Rasen yesterday, may saddle a double with Gods Law in the Broughton Handicap Hurdle and Trailing Rose in the East Lothian Handicap Chase.

Gods Law has plenty to do with 12st 4lb, but had Priceoflove well in arrears when winning decisively at Ayr last month and can carry on the good work, while Trailing Rose, a creditable second to Legal Emperor at the last Edinburgh meeting, also appeals.

If Lingfield Park survives the heavy rains, Martin Pipe can take the honours with two winners, Quickstep (12.45) and K O Island (3.15).

Quickstep's jumping has let him down in his latest two efforts, at Plumpton and Wolverhampton, but he has plenty of pace and should have the measure of today's rivals in the Sevenoaks Novices' Chase.

K O Island romped home at Taunton recently and is preferred to Josh Gifford's top weight Musical Mystery in the Southern Counties Handicap Hurdle.

Fred Winter can capture the second division of the Horley Novices' Hurdle with Villa Park, who is fancied to step up on his effort behind Sir's At The Gin last month at Towcester.

## Tomorrow's meetings in doubt

**All three meetings scheduled for tomorrow hinge on inspections today following heavy rain.**

**Hereford will inspect at 9am, Folkestone at 10.30am and Haydock Park at 2pm. Neither Hereford nor Haydock could have staged racing yesterday.**

**Edinburgh is likely to be the only meeting to take place today. Bill McHarg reported no problems from Scotland, where the going is good on the chase course and good to soft on the hurdles track.**

**The outlook at Lingfield Park, where there is a 7.30am inspection, is not nearly as bright. The clerk of the course, Geoff Stickels, yesterday reported: "There is water on the course at the moment and there have been several very heavy showers."**

**Heavy rain ruled out racing in Britain yesterday for the second day in succession. The scheduled meetings at Market Rasen and Sedgefield were both abandoned because of waterlogged courses.**

## EDINBURGH

### Selections

By Mandarin

12.30 HOCKLEY (nap).
1.00 Wise Cracker.
1.30 Dubious Jake.
2.00 Scottish Simbir.
2.30 Gods Law.
3.00 Trailing Rose.
3.30 Rear Guard.

By Michael Seely

12.30 Hockley. 2.00 SCOTTISH SIMBIR (nap).

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 12.30 HOCKLEY.

### Guide to our in-line racecard

103 6-0432 TIMESFORM 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ........ B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought down. S-slipped up. R-refused). Horse's name. Days since last outing. (B-blinkers. V-visor. H-hood. E-Eyeshield. C-course winner. D-distance winner. CD-course and distance winner. BF-beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F-firm, good to firm, hard. G-good. S-soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

### Going: good (chase course); good to soft (hurdles)

**12.30 MUSSELBURGH LINKS NOVICES HURDLE (4-Y-O: £685: 2m) (15 runners)**

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| 1 | 0 | FAJIR 10 (E Ormerod) Capt J Wilson 11-0 | K Doolan | — |
| 2 | | GET ON GERAGHTY (D McKenzie) C J Bell 11-0 | C Dennis (7) | — |
| 3 | 02 | HOCKLEY 17 (R Jeffreys) G Richards 11-0 | P Tuck | ● 99 |
| 8 | 3 | PATHERO 47 (J Whitton) N Bycroft 11-0 | P Niven | 74 |
| 10 | | RED PROCESSION (I Sykes) P Liddle 11-0 | M Pepper | — |
| 11 | 0 | RUNNING MONEY 10 (Lord Lilford) Capt J Wilson 11-0 | NON-RUNNER | — |
| 12 | | SALACITY (C Anderson) G Moore 11-0 | M Hammond | — |
| 13 | 60P | TREBONKERS 5 (Mrs C Richard) T Craig 11-0 | N Doughty | 76 |
| 15 | 00 | UPWELL 9 (R Johnson) R Johnson 11-0 | Mr P Johnson (7) | — |
| 16 | 4 | EXIT LAUGHING 17 (R Gibbons) J S Wilson 10-9 | M Dwyer | 96 |
| 17 | 030 | HECKLEY LOCH 18 (R Green) T Barron 10-9 | G Harker | 78 |
| 18 | 020 | LOMA BREEZE 6 (J James) D Moffatt 10-9 | K Ryan (4) | 85 |
| 19 | 6 | ON YOU GO 17 (R Hughes) Mrs G Reveley 10-9 | N Smith (7) | — |
| 20 | 60 | ROSE LOUBET 19 (N Mason) W Pearce 10-9 | D Wilkinson | 75 |
| 22 | 04 | SUSAN HENCHARD 31 (G Coates) M Avison 10-9 | R Marley (4) | 93 |

BETTING: 5-2 Hockley, 7-2 Susan Henchard, 9-2 Exit Laughing, 6-1 Get On Geraghty, 8-1 Pathero, 10-1 Salacity, 12-1 Heckley Loch, 14-1 Loma Breeze, 16-1 Rose Loubet, 20-1 others.

1987: STATE JESTER 11-0 M Dwyer (7-2) W Elsey 14 ran

**FORM** SUSAN HENCHARD (10-9) at Catterick (2m, £775, good, Dec 7, 20 ran) was 7¾l 4th to Golden Display (11-0) with debutant HOCKLEY (11-8) 9l 6th.
HOCKLEY, better for debut run, went to the front 2 out next time here (10-12) but just ran out of it and beaten a head by Gennaro (10-12) (2m 4f, £685, good, Dec 21, 10 ran) with EXIT LAUGHING (10-7) one paced 7l 4th and ON YOU GO (10-7) 30l 7th.
PATHERO (10-7) fit from the Flat when 20¾l 3rd to Pit Pony (10-13) at Ayr (2m, £685, soft, Nov 21, 10 ran) with TREBONKERS (10-7) 6¾l 5th.
LOMA BREEZE (10-2) 15l 2nd to Albion Place (11-1) with HECKLEY LOCH (11-0) 4l 3rd in Ayr claiming race (2m, £685, heavy, Dec 18, 10 ran).
Selection: HOCKLEY

**1.0 N.A.R.B.O.L. HANDICAP CHASE (£1,125: 2m) (4 runners)**

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| 2 | 1PF021 | SLIEVE FELIM 12 (D,F,G,S) (T P M McDonagh Ltd) W A Stephenson 8-12-3 (5ex) | C Grant | ● 99 |
| 3 | U11214 | WISE CRACKER 12 (B,CD,BF,F,G,S) (S Dalton) P Blockley 7-11-1 (6ex) | P Niven | 92 |
| 4 | 210-404 | PRICE OF PEACE 12 (D,F,G,S) (G Beck) C J Bell 10-10-13 | C Dennis (7) | 93 |
| 6 | 220-314 | IMPAGE 18 (D,S) (D Nicholson) S Leadbetter 10-10-0 | J Hansen | 96 |

BETTING: 7-4 Slieve Felim, 9-4 Wise Cracker, 11-4 Price Of Peace, 6-1 Impage.

1987: BLACKFEET 8-12-7 T G Dun (13-8 fav) J S Wilson 5 ran

**FORM** SLIEVE FELIM (12-0) employed usual front running tactics to beat Impany (10-2) 7l at Sedgefield (2m, £1956, good to soft, Dec 26, 8 ran) with PRICE OF PEACE (10-13) 9l 4th.
WISE CRACKER (10-6) beat SLIEVE FELIM (11-10), who blundered at the last, 2l over course and distance on penultimate start (£1528, good to firm, Dec 21, 7 ran).
IMPAGE (10-0) showed best recent form beating Kevinsfort (12-8) 1½l at Wetherby (2m 50yd, £2267, soft, Nov 24, 4 ran).
Selection: SLIEVE FELIM

**1.30 LOTHIANS RACING SYNDICATE NOVICES HURDLE (£685: 2m 4f) (15 runners)**

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| 1 | 041 | DUBIOUS JAKE 35 (S) (M Oldham) R Woodhouse 5-11-7 | L Wyer | 94 |
| 2 | 002401 | OLLETSOC 12 (D,S) (B Harland) F Watson 10-11-7 | C Grant | 87 |
| 4 | 0-00020 | BALINGLANCE 19 (S) (R Leyland) R Leyland 6-11-0 | J D Davies (4) | 92 |
| 5 | | CHANCE REMARK (A Collins) J J O'Neill 5-11-0 | M Dwyer | — |
| 6 | 6 | DECENT MAN 6 (W A Stephenson) W A Stephenson 5-11-0 | K Jones | — |
| 8 | 00/F-00 | FORTH AND TAY 57 (Mrs J Weir) Mrs J Weir 6-11-0 | C Dennis (7) | 76 |
| 10 | 000 | KAIM PARK 80 (T Ritchie) S Muldoon 5-11-0 | D Dutton | — |
| 11 | 0 | NORTH STAR SAM 31 (Mrs S Ward) Mrs S Ward 7-11-0 | G Harker | — |
| 12 | P | OUR ENTERTAINER 20 (D Roxburgh) J Gillen 6-11-0 | C Hawkins | — |
| 13 | 0400 | POKEREE 19 (M Flynn) T Craig 5-11-0 | R Crank | 86 |
| 14 | 440-003 | PYJAMAS 17 (Mrs D Whitaker) G Richards 7-11-0 | P Tuck | ● 99 |
| 17 | 0 | CELTIC FORT 9 (P Tylor) Mrs G Reveley 8-10-9 | P Niven | — |
| 18 | P0-0P0 | FIRE STAR 5 (T Goldie) T Goldie 6-10-9 | A Somers (7) | — |
| 20 | 0/0000-0 | TRADING PLACES 17 (J Beck) J Beck 7-10-9 | K Doolan | — |
| 21 | | VIDETTE (J McDonald) T Craig 5-10-9 | M Eccles | — |

BETTING: 5-2 Pyjamas, 7-2 Dubious Jake, 9-2 Olletsoc, 6-1 Balinglance, 8-1 Pokeree, 10-1 Celtic Fort, 12-1 Decent Man, 14-1 Chance Remark, 16-1 others.

1987: FIRM PRICE 6-11-0 R Lamb (Evens fav) Mrs G Reveley 14 ran

**FORM** DUBIOUS JAKE (11-0) stayed on to beat Flodden Field (11-0) 5l at Carlisle (2m 1f 110yd, £685, soft, Dec 3, 10 ran).
OLLETSOC (10-10) favourite when beating Dime And A Dollar (10-10) 1½l in a Sedgefield selling handicap (2m 4f, £745, good to soft, Dec 26, 13 ran).
BALINGLANCE (10-8) 12l 2nd to Snow Babu (11-4) in a Hexham novice handicap on penultimate start (2m 4f, £1151, heavy, Dec 2, 8 ran) with OLLETSOC (11-3) 8th.
FORTH AND TAY (11-7) 35¾l 6th to Bishopdale (11-7) in a Kelso maiden (2m 6f, £685, good to soft, Nov 11, 20 ran).
POKEREE (10-1) 7¾l 6th to Just A Half (10-10) in Ayr handicap company last time (2m, £1279, heavy, Dec 19, 10 ran).
PYJAMAS (11-0) blundered at the last when 7½l 3rd to Rosskova (11-0) in a novice event here (2m, £1036, good, Dec 21, 10 ran).
Selection: PYJAMAS

**2.0 TENNENTS NOVICES CHASE (£1,201: 2m 4f) (11 runners)**

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| 1 | 04-F0P1 | ATKINSONS 5 (F,S) (Mrs T Metcalfe) G Richards 7-12-0 | P Tuck | ● 99 |
| 2 | 20/4U1 | BEAU DEREK 12 (D,S) (W Spink) T Barron 8-12-0 | G Harker | 90 |
| 4 | 0P | DURPLEY CASTLE 12 (D Tate) P Liddle 7-11-7 | M Pepper | — |
| 6 | 4U0-2UP | FOLLY HILL 9 (S) (I Simpson) Mrs G Reveley 8-11-7 | P Niven | 81 |
| 7 | 03P2-0P | LUMBER QUAY 35 (A Mactaggart) A Mactaggart 10-11-7 | Mr D Mactaggart (7) | 73 |
| 8 | 200323 | OAKGROVE 17 (Mrs M Monteith) P Monteith 8-11-7 | D Nolan | 90 |
| 9 | 020-302 | PADDY HAYTON 12 (Mrs M Wares) S Leadbetter 8-11-7 | J Hansen | 91 |
| 11 | 141/02-1 | SCOTTISH SIMBIR 19 (G,S) (Mrs W Crawford) W Crawford 8-11-7 | N Doughty | 98 |
| 12 | 004403 | SOLDBY 51 (F,G) (E Scarth) J J O'Neill 8-11-7 | M Dwyer | 92 |
| 13 | 00/0 | WARLEGGAN 20 (M Graham) J Charlton 7-11-7 | B Storey | — |
| 14 | 22-000F | MOLLY CAREW 19 (S) (A Douglas) D Moffatt 8-11-2 | K Ryan (4) | 85 |

BETTING: 2-1 Atkinsons, 3-1 Scottish Simbir, 4-1 Beau Derek, 6-1 Paddy Hayton, 8-1 Molly Carew, 10-1 Oakgrove, 12-1 Soldby, 14-1 Folly Hill, 16-1 others.

1987: HY TAB 10-11-7 Mr M Walsh (8-1) W Wells 14 ran

**FORM** MOLLY CAREW (10-13) 15l 3rd to Record Harvest (11-11) on penultimate start at Catterick (2m, £1266, good, Nov 21, 14 ran) with ATKINSONS (11-4), weakened after hitting 2 out, 7¾l 5th.
ATKINSONS, always travelling well latest start at Ayr (2m, £1586, heavy Jan 2, 5 ran) when (12-2) beating Warwick Suite (10-10) ¾l.
BEAU DEREK (11-7) made all to beat PADDY HAYTON (11-7) 6l at Sedgefield (2m 4f, £1746, good to soft, Dec 26, 10 ran).
SCOTTISH SIMBIR, when last seen in chase company, (11-7) 10l 2nd to General Chandos (12-0) over course and distance (£1031, good, Jan 27, 14 ran) with LUMBER QUAY (11-7) 18l 4th.
OAKGROVE (11-0) 18½l 3rd to Stay On Tracks (11-9) over course and distance (£3869, good to firm, Dec 21, 6 ran).
SOLDBY (11-4) 7½l 3rd to Giolla Padraig (12-1) at Sedgefield (2m 4f, £1278, good to soft, Nov 17, 14 ran).
Selection: ATKINSONS

**2.30 BROUGHTON HANDICAP HURDLE (£853: 2m) (12 runners)**

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| 1 | 8/111-21 | GODS LAW 20 (D,F,S) (Mrs V Robson) Mrs G Reveley 7-12-4 (10ex) | P Niven | 90 |
| 3 | 321120- | THARALEOS 433 (D,F,G,S) (F Watson) F Watson 8-11-10 | C Grant | 98 |
| 4 | 0-104P0 | PLATONIC AFFAIR 19 (D,F,G) (P Byrne) J J O'Neill 7-11-8 | — | 85 |
| 5 | 020-044 | PRICEOFLOVE 20 (D,G,S) (J Calvert) D Moffatt 8-11-6 | K Teelan | 91 |
| 6 | 00/03-00 | MILLIE GREY 54 (D,F,G) (Mrs H Calzini) J Charlton 8-11-5 | B Storey | ● 99 |
| 8 | 03P/013 | SENOR ROMANA 9 (D,F,G) (D Shaw) G Moore 9-10-13 | M Hammond | 90 |
| 9 | 4-43130 | CASUAL PASS 19 (D,S) (D Little) G Richards 5-10-12 | P Tuck | 96 |
| 10 | 02243F | STADIA PUBLICITY 16 (D,F) (F Barlow) A Potts 5-10-7 | C Hawkins | 96 |
| 11 | 3143-00 | EASY KIN 19 (B,D,F) (S Mercer) R Peacock 8-10-5 | S J O'Neill | 91 |
| 12 | 043844 | SPECIAL SETTLEMENT 48 (D,S) (T Beaty) R Allan 7-10-4 | R Fahey (7) | 93 |
| 13 | 0F0000- | THE FIXER 263 (S) (I Ross) J Mooney 7-10-0 | J Mooney | — |
| 14 | 000-F0B | TOP O'TH' LANE 79 (N Bycroft) N Bycroft 11-10-0 | G Harker | 75 |

BETTING: 9-4 Gods Law, 7-2 Senor Romana, 6-1 Stadia Publicity, 8-1 Casual Pass, 10-1 Easy Kin, 12-1 Tharaleos, 14-1 Special Settlement, 16-1 Priceoflove, 20-1 others.

1987: TOT 7-10-1 C Dennis (9-1) J Charlton 16 ran

**FORM** GODS LAW (10-10) beat Norton Warrior (11-3) 3l at Ayr (2m, £2184, soft, Dec 18, 9 ran) with PRICEOFLOVE (10-10) 20½l behind in 4th.
THARALEOS (11-5) 8¾l 6th to Prying Parsons (11-4) at Wetherby (2m 4f, £2331, good, Oct 1986, 17 ran).
MILLIE GREY after two below par efforts should now be ready to reproduce (11-10) a 3l 3rd to Third Realm (10-0) at Carlisle (2m 1f 110yd, £1308, good to soft, Sept 1986, 5 ran).
SENOR ROMANA (11-7) 9l 3rd to Foot Patrol (11-7) in a seller at Newcastle (2m 60yd, £945, good to soft, Dec 29, 15 ran).
CASUAL PASS (11-4) on penultimate start 5l 3rd to Yankee Silver (10-12) at Warwick (2m, £690, good, Dec 8, 8 ran).
SPECIAL SETTLEMENT (10-7) 15¾l 4th to Beaker (10-0) at Ayr (2m, £1674, soft, Nov 20, 7 ran).
Selection: MILLIE GREY

**3.0 EAST LOTHIAN HANDICAP CHASE (£1,196: 3m) (6 runners)**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2 | 013FU-4 | TARGET MAN 6 (D,F,G,S) (M Brison Ltd) W A Stephenson 8-11-12 | A Merrigan (4) | 92 |
| 4 | 149121 | PRINCE METTERNICH 12 (D,S) (R England) C J Bell 7-11-1 (6ex) | C Dennis (7) | ● 99 |
| 5 | P-40219 | LA BOEUF 6 (D,F,S) (Mrs M Lamb) D Lamb 12-10-10 (5ex) | J O'Gorman (7) | 95 |
| 6 | 133P/0P | WELFARE 6 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs T Metcalfe) G Richards 10-10-6 | J R Quinn (7) | — |
| 7 | 04-FUFU | PATRICK'S FAIR 18 (F,G,S) (W Slater) R Peacock 12-10-6 | S J O'Neill | — |
| 9 | P01002 | TRAILING ROSE 17 (S) (R Burridge) Mrs G Reveley 9-10-0 | P Niven | 91 |

BETTING: 5-2 Target Man, 3-1 La Boeuf, 7-2 Prince Metternich, 4-1 Trailing Rose, 10-1 Welfare, 20-1 Patrick's Fair.

1987: VILLIERSTOWN 8-12-3 R Lamb (11-2) W A Stephenson 5 ran

**FORM** TARGET MAN (11-11) in need of outing when a distant 4th to Pacifists (11-12) at Catterick (3m 1f 180yd, £2051, soft, Jan 1, 10 ran) with LA BOEUF (10-11) 4l behind 5th and WELFARE (10-9) pulled up.
LA BOEUF (10-10) on previous start got up close home to beat PRINCE METTERNICH (10-5) ¾l at Ayr (3m 110yd, £2289, soft, Dec 18, 9 ran).
PRINCE METTERNICH (10-2) on latest start beat The Howlet (10-8) 2l at Sedgefield (3m 2f 150yd, £2180, good to soft, Dec 26, 16 ran).
TRAILING ROSE (10-10) 5l 2nd to Legal Emperor (10-4) here (3m, £1241, good to firm, Dec 21, 11 ran), with WELFARE (11-6) 35l behind 6th.
Selection: LA BOEUF

**3.30 FIRST OF MANY NH FLAT RACE (£685: 2m) (15 runners)**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4 | | HUNTER BUOY (M O'Connor) J J O'Neill 5-11-10 | Mr N Kelleher (7) | — |
| 6 | | MINERAL DUST (W A Stephenson) W A Stephenson 5-11-10 | J Dillon (7) | — |
| 13 | | CRAZY TRADE (J Walton) F Walton 5-11-5 | Mr J Walton | — |
| 14 | | LUCRATIVE (W Redfern) J Redfern 5-11-5 | Mr E Waggott | — |
| 16 | | REGAL FLAME (P Tylor) Mrs G Reveley 5-11-5 | M Smith (7) | — |
| 17 | | SUPER FOUNTAIN (Mrs F Walton) F Walton 5-11-5 | Mr A Robson (7) | — |
| 18 | | DON'T TELL BOB (Mrs S Dimond) Capt J Wilson 4-11-0 | Mrs M Legg | — |
| 19 | | JAMESNICK (C McQueen) Miss M Bell 4-11-0 | Mr C Semple | — |
| 20 | | REAR GUARD (P Green) M H Easterby 4-11-0 | R Garritty (7) | — |
| 21 | | SCOTTISH GOLD (J S Wilson) J S Wilson 4-11-0 | Mr D Mactaggart (7) | — |
| 22 | | SMITHONIAN (G Smyth) Mrs G Reveley 4-11-0 | S Selby (7) | — |
| 23 | | SONG LEA (D Swindlehurst) D Swindlehurst 4-11-0 | Mr D Swindlehurst | — |
| 24 | | GODARA (F Barlow) M Naughton 4-10-9 | P Harle (7) | — |
| 25 | | WAR MADNESS (R Harland) Mrs G Reveley 4-10-9 | Mr T Carr (7) | — |
| 27 | | WIDOW TRELLERNE (Mrs M Lamb) D Lamb 4-10-9 | Miss G Smalley | — |

BETTING: 4-1 Regal Flame, 5-1 Rear Guard, 6-1 Mineral Dust, 8-1 Hunter Buoy, Smithonian, 10-1 Widow Trellerne, War Madness, 12-1 others.

1987: MAUSOLEE 4-10-7 D Gallagher (3-1) R Simpson 15 ran

### Course specialists

| TRAINERS | Winners | Runners | Per cent | JOCKEYS | Winners | Rides | Per cent |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| M Naughton | 1 | 1 | 100.0 | B Storey | 2 | 6 | 33.3 |
| P Blockley | 2 | 3 | 66.7 | C Dennis | 1 | 3 | 33.3 |
| C J Bell | 1 | 3 | 33.3 | M Dwyer | 2 | 8 | 25.0 |
| J Charlton | 1 | 4 | 25.0 | M Hammond | 2 | 8 | 25.0 |
| Mrs G Reveley | 4 | 17 | 23.5 | C Grant | 3 | 13 | 23.1 |
| G Moore | 1 | 5 | 20.0 | P Niven | 3 | 13 | 23.1 |

## LINGFIELD PARK

### Selections

By Mandarin

12.45 Quickstep.
1.15 Tis Frank Again.
1.45 Woodgate.
2.15 Villa Park.
2.45 Blue Dart.
3.15 K O Island.

Michael Seely's selection: 3.15 K O Island.

### Going: heavy (7.30am inspection)

**12.45 SEVENOAKS NOVICES CHASE (£1,709: 2m) (9 runners)**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 0-1UFFU | HETTINGER 10 (D,S) (Miss L Quick) J Ffitch-Heyes 8-11-9 | R Goldstein | — |
| 2 | 209-123 | QUICKSTEP 12 (B,BF,S) (M Pipe) M Pipe 7-11-8 | P Scudamore | ● 99 |
| 3 | 0094/0P- | BUCKMINSTER BOY 308 (S) (Mrs M Bowden) J Honeyball 7-11-3 | P Hobbs | — |
| 4 | P00 | COAL GREY 26 (Mrs B Martin) D Gandolfo 7-11-3 | C Llewellyn (4) | — |
| 5 | 0/0F00-0 | LAURENSEL 8 (G Hussey) N Mitchell 7-11-3 | R Strange | — |
| 27 | 00-00P | SOUTHERNS 16 (G) (Southern Caravan Group) J Gifford 8-11-3 | R Rowe | — |
| 8 | 0-0F00 | SWIFT GUIDE 8 (Mrs E Ellis) R Armytage 8-11-3 | M Bosley | — |
| 10 | 02-BP00 | YOUNG NICHOLAS 8 (G,S) (B Snell) J Roberts 7-11-3 | J Frost | — |
| 13 | 00- | MEDIA LEADER 282 (D Ladhams) R Hodges 8-10-12 | S Earle | — |

BETTING: 8-15 Quickstep, 9-2 Young Nicholas, 8-1 Buckminster Boy, Southerns, 16-1 Hettinger, 25-1 others.

1987: MEETING ABANDONED — FOG

**1.15 HORLEY NOVICES HURDLE (Div I: £913: 2m) (11 runners)**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3 | 0-204 | BOLD KING'S HUSSAR 20 (Mrs D Plunkett) R Armytage 5-11-3 | Gee Armytage | ● 99 |
| 4 | | DEAFENING (W Bardley) B Stevens 5-11-3 | S Moore | — |
| 6 | 00208/ | EMIR SULTAN 656 (Unical Group Holdings Ltd) S Mellor 6-11-3 | G Landau | — |
| 11 | 42000-0 | MASKEEN 5 (Mrs B Gonsalves) A Gonsalves 6-11-3 | R Chapman | — |
| 12 | 00/042 | RIBOKEYES BOY 8 (Mrs G Davison) A Davison 8-11-3 | S Murphy (7) | 84 |
| 16 | 2 | TIS FRANK AGAIN 64 (W O'Neill) D Murray-Smith 6-11-3 | P Croucher | — |
| 17 | 004 | COSMIC FLIGHT 12 (D Broad) M Usher 5-10-12 | H Davies | 75 |
| 19 | | SURVIVE (A Neaves) A Neaves 5-10-12 | A Adams (7) | — |
| 20 | 0P | BALHOLM EXPRESS 10 (I Adair) R Curtis 4-10-5 | R Goldstein | — |
| 21 | | RUSSIAN AFFAIR (P Hodgson) R Akehurst 4-10-5 | D McKeown | — |
| 24 | F0 | SILVER THORN 9 (Mrs K Baldry) P Butler 4-10-0 | M Furlong | — |

BETTING: 7-4 Bold King's Hussar, 3-1 Russian Affair, 5-1 Ribokeyes Boy, 8-1 Cosmic Flight, Tis Frank Again, 14-1 Emir Sultan, 16-1 others.

### Course specialists

| TRAINERS | Winners | Runners | Per cent | JOCKEYS | Winners | Rides | Per cent |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| M Pipe | 5 | 15 | 33.3 | K Mooney | 4 | 10 | 40.0 |
| R Akehurst | 7 | 34 | 20.6 | G Landau | 3 | 11 | 27.3 |
| J Gifford | 13 | 73 | 17.8 | Steve Knight | 7 | 30 | 23.3 |
| A Turnell | 4 | 25 | 16.0 | R Rowe | 13 | 64 | 20.3 |
| G Balding | 4 | 26 | 15.4 | Dale McKeown | 3 | 15 | 20.0 |
| T Forster | 5 | 35 | 14.3 | Candy Moore | 3 | 23 | 13.0 |

**1.45 EBF NOVICES CHASE (£2,415: 3m) (15 runners)**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 1P03P0 | FAST ESCAPE 16 (F) (Mrs D Wigan) J Gifford 7-11-11 | P Hobbs | 91 |
| 3 | 6/UP01 | RHYME 8 (S) (P Tory) P Tory 8-11-11 | Mr A Tory (7) | 86 |
| 5 | 400-012 | WOODGATE 42 (BF,G,S) (S Sainsbury) T Forster 7-11-11 | C Llewellyn (4) | ● 99 |
| 11 | 020P/0F | DEMONIC 8 (M Cullier) B McMath 9-11-5 | D McKeown | — |
| 12 | 1004P- | DOYLE'S EXPRESS 287 (S) (John Doyle Clv Eng) M Pipe 8-11-5 | P Scudamore | — |
| 13 | 302-400 | ELLFERANDEM 33 (BF,S) (Mrs E Merridew) B Mellor 8-11-5 | G Landau | — |
| 14 | PU42/00 | LACKEY HOEY 35 (S) (Mrs M Kelsey Fry) T Forster 8-11-5 | H Davies | — |
| 16 | 00400-F | MASTER PAT 7 (Miss L Shallcross) B Smart 8-11-5 | B de Haan | — |
| 17 | 004 | PEARLY STEPS 12 (G) (Mrs E Mitchell) N Mitchell 9-11-5 | Mr T Mitchell (7) | — |
| 18 | 23-UR04 | POLLEN BEE 17 (G,S) (Mrs L Drasher) O Sherwood 7-11-5 | C Cox | 96 |
| 20 | 0F-P40P | ROBERT HENRY 8 (Mrs P Hargreaves) Mrs P Hargreaves 12-11-5 | J White | 86 |
| 23 | FPF | BLADON PARK 18 (Mrs L Marsh) R Armytage 8-11-0 | M Bosley | — |
| 25 | 0/0FP4F | CHASE THE CLOUDS 8 (W R Williams) W R Williams 7-11-0 | A Jones | 95 |
| 28 | 0 | CRASH CALL 30 (Dr C Studd) P Butler 7-11-0 | M Furlong | — |
| 29 | 03-0004 | TACHED 16 (F,G) (J Stuart-Wortley-Hunt) Miss L Bower 7-11-0 | R Rowell | 86 |

BETTING: 6-4 Woodgate, 100-30 Fast Escape, 5-1 Pollen Bee, 13-2 Doyle's Express, 12-1 Ellferandem, Rhyme, 14-1 others.

**2.15 HORLEY NOVICES HURDLE (Div II: £924: 2m) (17 runners)**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 400-010 | PEARLY KING 12 (D,S) (R De Lisser) G Kindersley 5-11-8 | M Muggeridge (7) | 99 |
| 2 | 0-P | BOLD FURY 58 (Mrs D Beer) J Roberts 5-11-3 | C Brown | — |
| 3 | | COOL OPERATOR (T Beresford) B Stevens 5-11-3 | S Moore | — |
| 5 | 0 | GLITSEY PUSS 33 (Winterbourne Construction) A Turnell 5-11-3 | I Lawrence (7) | — |
| 6 | 0PP | G W SUPERMAN 8 (S) (Great Western Developments) N Mitchell 5-11-3 | Lorna Vincent | — |
| 8 | P | LASER EXTRA 8 (Mrs E Maggs) J Redmond 5-11-3 | K Mooney | — |
| 9 | 3-030 | MUSIC MINSTREL 10 (S Redmond) A Turnell 5-11-3 | S C Knight | 95 |
| 10 | 0F0 | NEVER A PENNY 23 (J Mooney) J Elliott 5-11-3 | Miss C Elliott | — |
| 11 | 0PP | SAALIB 8 (S Sharp) R Akehurst 5-11-3 | D McKeown | — |
| 14 | 01/0 | SIR PERDO 28 (S) (R Andrews) Mrs E Andrews 7-11-3 | Mr S Andrews | — |
| 15 | 13/03 | THE CHERRY MAN 16 (BF,G) (I Low) O Sherwood 6-11-3 | C Cox | ● 99 |
| 17 | 440/10-0 | VILLA PARK 17 (S) (Lady Cooper) F Winter 6-11-3 | P Scudamore | — |
| 18 | F0 | BY CHANCE 12 (R Biggs) C Wildman 5-10-12 | — | — |
| 19 | 00-0 | JAY-DEE-JAY 16 (Mrs V Maunders) J D J Davies 5-10-12 | M Brown (7) | — |
| 20 | | LA CAZADORA (F Cheeseman) J D J Davies 5-10-12 | M Furlong | — |
| 21 | 0-10F00 | LA SHAKA 9 (S Allen) A Moore 5-10-12 | Candy Moore (4) | 97 |
| 26 | F0 | KENTISH FIRE 16 (P Clarke) Mrs N Smith 4-10-5 | — | — |

BETTING: 2-1 The The Cherry Man, 5-2 Villa Park, 6-1 Pearly King, 8-1 Music Minstrel, 10-1 La Shaka, 12-1 Sir Perdo, 16-1 others.

**2.45 WEALD HANDICAP CHASE (£2,641: 3m) (7 runners)**

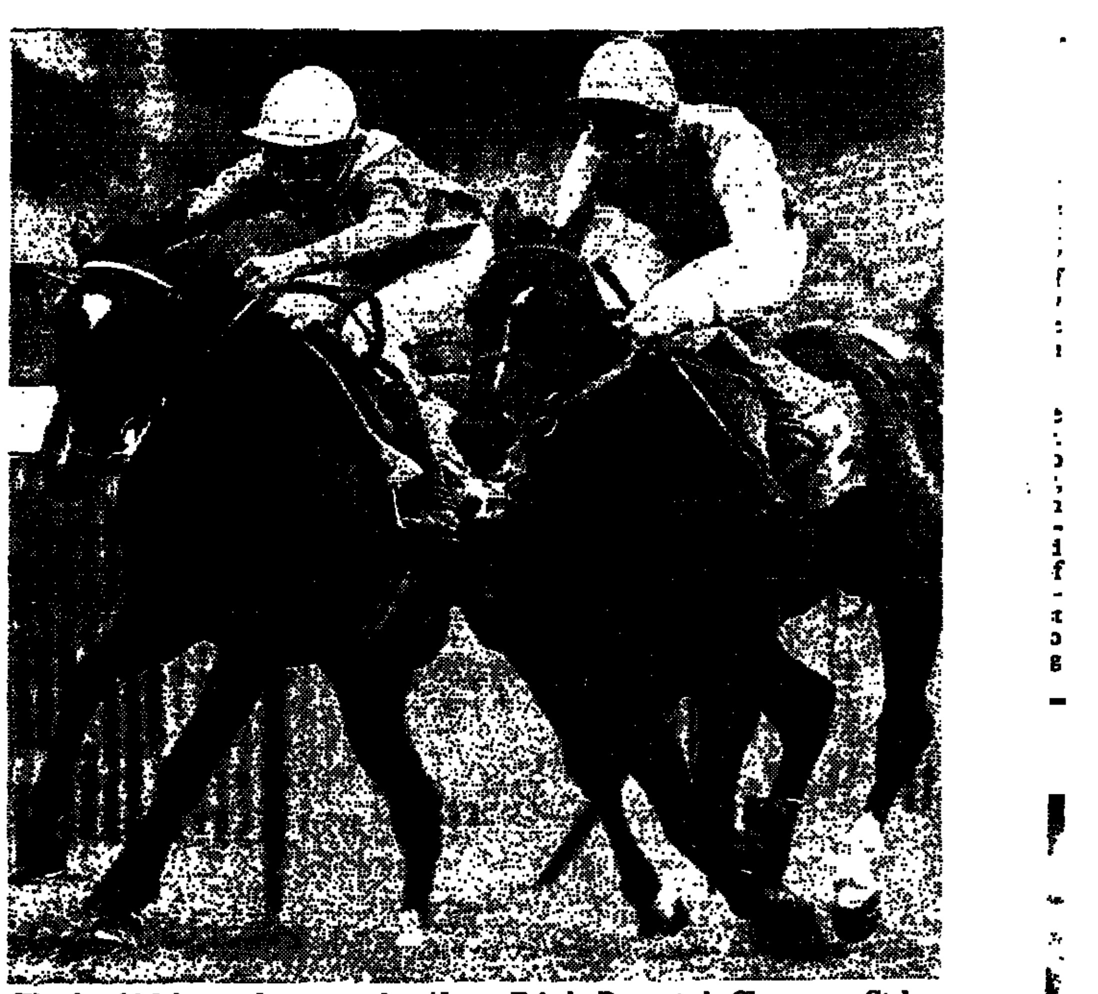
| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4 | 30F-P00 | PREMIER CHARLIE 41 (F,G,S) (F Lipscomb) W G M Turner 10-11-10 | A Sharpe | 87 |
| 5 | 1/1-0F01 | BLUE DART 12 (G,S) (H Padfield) T Forster 8-11-9 (4ex) | H Davies | 97 |
| 7 | 014-PP3 | AUGHRA BOURA 23 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs L Simpson) J Gifford 12-11-5 | R Rowe | 98 |
| 14 | 1F14-24 | HAL'S JOY 8 (BF,S) (G Palmer) M Pipe 9-10-10 | P Scudamore | 98 |
| 15 | 310-42P | BALLIMA 37 (C,F,G,S) (J Murray) D Grissell 10-10-7 | R Goldstein | 98 |
| 16 | 1P0-022 | MEARLIN 9 (BF,G,S) (C House) J Old 9-10-0 | S McNeill | ● 99 |
| 17 | 030-F00 | BALLYGLUNIN 60 (F) (M Sullivan) A Denson 8-10-0 | D McKeown | — |

BETTING: 2-1 Blue Dart, 5-2 Hal's Joy, 4-1 Aughra Boura, 6-1 Mearlin, 8-1 Ballima, 33-1 Premier Charlie, 40-1 Ballyglunin.

**3.15 SOUTHERN COUNTIES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,732: 2m) (9 runners)**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 3-130F2 | MUSICAL MYSTERY 9 (D,S) (D Dunsdon) J Gifford 6-11-12 | T Fitfield (7) | 91 |
| 4 | 21116/0 | FANDANGO LIGHT 9 (CD,S) (N Viney) D Elsworth 7-11-0 | R Arnott | — |
| 5 | 11F2/00- | INHERIT 418 (CD,G,S) (G Saunders) J Ffitch-Heyes 7-11-0 | R Goldstein | — |
| 6 | 2400-F1 | K O ISLAND 8 (B,D,S) (C McClintock) M Pipe 5-10-8 | S Woods (4) | ● 99 |
| 8 | 30-0302 | NONE TOO DEAR 6 (V,D,BF,G) (W Adams) G Balding 6-10-7 | R Guest | 92 |
| 9 | — 3-1 | AVEC COEUR 44 (D,S) (Mrs B Curley) B Curley 5-10-7 | D Murphy | 88 |
| 10 | 00020-0 | TAXIADS 19 (S) (Mrs P Marzouk) R Curtis 6-10-7 | D Hood (7) | 90 |
| 11 | 3F1-000 | WINNING DANCER 6 (S) (J Stuart-Wortley-Hunt) Miss L Bower 5-10-7 | R Rowell | 89 |
| 12 | 00P-001 | TRIBAL DRUM 9 (D,S) (Mrs L Browning) D Browning 9-10-0 (6ex) | J Akehurst | 96 |

BETTING: 9-4 Musical Mystery, 3-1 K O Island, 5-1 Tribal Drum, 6-1 None Too Dear, 8-1 Inherit, 12-1 Avec Coeur, Fandango Light, 33-1 others.



Warning (right), seen here outpacing Always Fair in Doncaster's Champagne Stakes, shares top position with French filly Ravinella in the Free Handicap

# Warning's victory in Champagne sets the standard

By George Rae

Warning (9st 7lb) and Ravinella jointly head the 1987 international classification of two-year-olds. They have been awarded a rating of 125, compared with the 127 allotted to Reference Point last year.

Although the classification puts the two together in terms of absolute merit, if the pair meet next season Ravinella should come out best taking into account the 3lb sex allowance she would receive.

Ravinella, trained in France by Criquette Head, owes her position to an impressive 1½-length victory over First Waltz in the group one Cheveley Park Stakes, and there was no argument as to her right to be considered the leading filly.

There was, however, some discussion as to what had been the most significant two-year-old colts' race, and in the opinion of the committee — under the direction of the senior handicappers of Britain, Ireland, France, Italy and West Germany — it was the group two Laurent-Perrier Champagne Stakes at Doncaster in September.

The victory of Guy Harwood's Warning, by 1½ lengths from Always Fair (9-2), was considered superior, among the British juvenile races, to that of Sanquirico (9-3) in the group two Royal Lodge Stakes at Ascot later in the month.

It was felt that Always Fair, who although some 5½ lengths behind Sanquirico, had not reproduced his best form over an extra furlong at Ascot.

The classification was a triumph for the French with three horses in the top five, and six in the top 12. Common Grounds, the winner of the group one Prix de la Salamandre at Longchamp, is rated 3lb behind the leaders while Sanquirico shares his mark with Fijar Tango, successful in the group one Grand Criterium, also at Longchamp.

Caerwent (9-2), unbeaten in his only two races, including the group one National Stakes in soft going at the Curragh, achieved the highest rating by an Irish-trained two-year-old since the subsequent Irish Derby winner Law Society in 1984.

"Caerwent is difficult to assess," Michael Byrne, the senior Irish handicapper, said, "although he did draw away over the last two furlongs in the National Stakes.

"When I spoke to Vincent O'Brien about him he expressed the view that Caerwent would be a better horse on good ground. He felt that Caerwent would stay a mile and that he would train him for the 2,000 Guineas."

In his general remarks, Geoffrey Gibbs, the senior Jockey Club handicapper, commented: "An adverse factor was the considerable amount of soft and heavy going we had to contend with, particularly in France towards the end of the season when the ground was nothing short of desperate.

"It was also very disappointing to lose races of the calibre of the Dewhurst, the Rockfel Stakes and the Cornwallis Stakes. Had Warning, Reprimand and Western Gun been able to meet in the Dewhurst the classification may have been slightly different," he continued.

"There was also the problem of rating such as Carmelite House (8-8) and Doyoun (8-7). They have been impressive but not in top company, and until they take on better horses we can only rate them accordingly.

"Perhaps we could be accused of being lenient, and I must say that for anyone who had backed a horse with proven form for the classics that is the type of horse you have to think could come through and be a danger."

The introduction of the 5lb fillies' allowance for juveniles last season was considered successful, and Byrne was strongly in favour of its implementation in Ireland, although France will continue to use the 3lb allowance. The Jockey Club is also investigating the adoption of a 5lb sex allowance for older horses.

# Reference Point is head of his class

**Reference Point was confirmed the leading middle-distance three-year-old in Europe but his rating of 135 was 6lb below that awarded to Dancing Brave last year (George Rae writes).**

**"Reference Point was a model of consistency," Gibbs said. "The three-year-olds were not outstanding, but he was an above-average Derby winner and grew into his rating in the King George.**

**"Trempolino we considered to be only an average Arc winner despite his breaking the track record. In his subsequent defeat by Theatrical in the Breeders' Cup we felt he had run 3lb below his best." Gibbs' comments reflected the handicappers near total disregard of race times.**

**Miesque, the outstanding 1,000 Guineas winner, was rated 4lb clear of her old rival Milligram.**

**The French filly's defeats in the Prix de Diane and the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes were ignored for rating purposes.**

**That view downgraded Indian Skimmer's Chantilly victory. "If you take Miesque out the race it was an ordinary contest," Byrne said.**

**Byrne also articulated the committee's low opinion of dual 2,000 Guineas winner Don't Forget Me. "A horse shouldn't make all up stiff tracks like Newmarket and the Curragh. If there's a class horse in the field he'll be picked off," he said.**

**"Mtoto dominated the older horses," said Gibbs. "But it was disappointing that several of them, notably Mtoto himself and Celestial Storm, suffered interrupted campaigns."**

**The globe-trotting Triptych, despite a season which included group one wins at York, Phoenix Park and Newmarket, was rated 2lb lower than last season.**

**"She had everything in her favour in those races," Byrne said. "Soft ground and not particularly good fields she could wait on and use her speed."**

**There is no immediate likelihood of North American horses being incorporated in the classifications.**

## Leading Free Handicap assessments

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ravinella | 9-7 | Hours After | 8-13 | Bleu Horizon | 8-10 | Flutter Away | 8-8 |
| Warning | 9-7 | Reprimand | 8-13 | Digamist | 8-10 | Jungle Gold | 8-8 |
| Common Grounds | 9-4 | Sheriff's Star | 8-13 | Hibouni | 8-10 | Peace Girl | 8-8 |
| Fijar Tango | 9-3 | Alwuhush | 8-12 | Intimate Guest | 8-10 | Savannah's Honor | 8-8 |
| Sanquirico | 9-3 | Bluebook | 8-12 | Intimidate | 8-10 | Sea Symphony | 8-8 |
| Always Fair | 9-2 | Ela Romara | 8-12 | Movieland | 8-10 | Seattle Sangue | 8-8 |
| Blushing John | 9-2 | Harmless Albatross | 8-12 | Radjhasi | 8-10 | Silvestro | 8-8 |
| Caerwent | 9-2 | Oakworth | 8-12 | Rahy | 8-10 | Western Gun | 8-8 |
| Diminuendo | 9-2 | Riviere D'Or | 8-12 | Raise A Memory | 8-10 | Classic Ruler | 8-7 |
| First Waltz | 9-2 | Salse | 8-12 | Sugar Walls | 8-10 | Doyoun | 8-7 |
| Undercut | 9-2 | Suntrap | 8-12 | Triteamtri | 8-10 | Fairy Gold | 8-7 |
| Wald River | 9-2 | Balawaki | 8-11 | Babita | 8-9 | Harp Islet | 8-7 |
| Ashayer | 9-0 | Exactly Sharp | 8-11 | Blue Note | 8-9 | Lust Of Power | 8-7 |
| Emmson | 9-0 | Magic Of Life | 8-11 | Haiati | 8-9 | Ship Of Fools | 8-7 |
| Gallic League | 9-0 | Obeah | 8-11 | Minstrel's Lassie | 8-9 | Sungall | 8-7 |
| Most Precious | 9-0 | Squill | 8-11 | Miss Boniface | 8-9 | Timely | 8-7 |
| Pasakos | 9-0 | Zelphi | 8-11 | Shaindy | 8-9 | | |
| Tibullo | 9-0 | Baranof | 8-10 | Aim For The Top | 8-8 | | |
| Glacial Storm | 8-13 | Bitooh | 8-10 | Carmelite House | 8-8 | | |

*To be run over 7f at Newmarket on April 13*

# Gaye Brief given attractive mark for Tote Gold Trophy

By Phil McLennan

Gaye Brief, the 1983 Champion Hurdler, has been given a wonderful chance by the handicapper to record his first victory for 21 months in the Tote Gold Trophy — formerly the Schweppes — at Newbury on February 13.

The 11-year-old is widely considered to be a shadow of his former self but he has run many fine races since his Champion Hurdle triumph and has not contested a handicap for almost five years.

One of those was in the Champion Hurdle of 1986 where he chased home See You Then at a distance of seven lengths with Nohalmdun 1½ lengths away third. Gaye Brief is now set to receive 27lb from the triple champion and 15lb from Nohalmdun.

Mercy Rimell, Gaye Brief's trainer, expressed herself pleased with the handicapper's assessment of her veteran performer. "He ran really well at Cheltenham the other day behind Swingit Gunner.

"The fast pace and big field should suit him and enable him to be covered up for as long as possible. That's why I entered him for the race."

Another trainer on good terms with himself after inspecting the weights was Nigel Twiston-Davies, who saddled Mrs Muck to finish second behind Neblin in the first running of the race under the Tote's sponsorship 12 months ago.

"She's 25lb better off for 2½ lengths with Neblin compared to last year's race and is a definite runner if I can get her right," Twiston-Davies said. I'm waiting for the results of recent blood tests at the moment."

Neblin, who gained his first success over fences last week, is most unlikely to revert to hurdles but trainer Toby Balding will probably be represented by Beech Road, most recently runner-up to Champion Hurdle pretender Celtic Shot at Windsor.

See You Then has been paid a handsome compliment with 12st 7lb — 11lb clear of the field — but is most unlikely to run. However, stable companion Alone Success (11st 9lb) is a probable.

The sponsors, who are offering a "non-runner no bet" proviso on the race, make High Knowl their eary 10-1 favourite after heavy support yesterday. Other prices: 12-1 Away We Go, Osric, 16-1 Protection, 20-1 bar.

## Newbury entries and weights

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| See You Then | 8-12-7 | Pinch Hitter | 10-10-4 | Cool Strike | 7-9-5 |
| Floyd | 8-11-10 | Protection | 6-10-4 | Canford Palm | 7-9-5 |
| Nohalmdun | 7-11-9 | Robin Wonder | 10-10-3 | Tsarella | 6-9-4 |
| Osric | 5-11-9 | I Bin Zaidoon | 7-10-2 | Fredcoteri | 12-9-4 |
| Alone Success | 5-11-8 | Junior Citizen | 6-10-1 | Ranelagh | 5-9-4 |
| Neblin | 9-11-7 | Honeygrove Banker | 7-10-1 | Cashew King | 5-9-4 |
| Celtic Shot | 6-11-7 | Feroda | 7-10-0 | Guisborough Town | 8-9-3 |
| Beech Road | 6-11-4 | Robin Goodfellow | 7-10-0 | Dotis Dictio | 6-9-3 |
| Pat's Jester | 5-11-4 | Linfest | 8-10-0 | Tancred Sand | 5-9-2 |
| Southernair | 8-11-4 | Hill's Pageant | 9-9-13 | Shelbourne | 6-9-2 |
| Aldino | 5-11-3 | Cliffalda | 5-9-13 | Admiral's All | 5-9-1 |
| Corporal Clinger | 9-11-2 | Insular | 8-9-13 | Solar Cloud | 6-9-1 |
| Saffron Lord | 6-11-0 | Inlution | 6-9-12 | Home County | 6-9-1 |
| Hypnosis | 9-11-0 | Santopadre | 6-9-12 | Unex-Plained | 5-9-0 |
| Sprowston Boy | 5-10-13 | Chasing The Dragon | 6-9-12 | Detroit Sam | 7-8-12 |
| Tartan Tailor | 7-10-13 | Ghofar | 5-9-12 | Wahiba | 4-8-11 |
| Away We Go | 6-10-9 | Buck Up | 6-9-12 | Amadis | 8-8-11 |
| Nos Na Gaoithe | 5-10-8 | Musical Mystery | 6-9-11 | Live In Hope | 6-8-8 |
| High Knowl | 5-10-8 | Lashkaldal | 5-9-10 | Music Wonder | 7-8-8 |
| Gaye Brief | 11-10-8 | Yale | 6-9-10 | Arbitrage | 7-8-6 |
| Stepaside Lord | 6-10-8 | Clover Hill Lad | 6-9-9 | Folk Dance | 8-8-6 |
| Tom Sharp | 8-10-8 | Rampallion | 5-9-8 | Fandango Light | 7-8-6 |
| Helynsar | 7-10-7 | Brookmount | 6-9-8 | Grey Salute | 5-8-6 |
| Convinced | 6-10-7 | Skygrange | 7-9-7 | Knockenmis | 5-8-3 |
| Federal Trooper | 7-10-6 | Jamesmead | 7-9-7 | Kings Folly | 6-8-3 |
| Mrs Muck | 7-10-6 | Brunico | 6-9-6 | Jimbalou | 5-8-1 |
| Framlington Court | 5-10-5 | Jazetas | 5-9-6 | Beaker | 8-8-1 |
| Mister Point | 6-10-5 | Macroom | 6-9-6 | Zagazig | 5-8-0 |
| Green Steps | 8-10-5 | Hypnotic | 8-9-5 | Baby Boy | 7-7-8 |
| Roark | 6-10-4 | Man O'Magic | 7-9-5 | Bride | 5-7-1 |

*To be run over 2m 100yd at Newbury on Saturday, February 13*

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A juicy red plum for the bookworms of Halifax and a succulent white bone for the underdogs of Oldham

# Ayre buzzing with quiet confidence

By Martin Searby

If Little Jack Horner had the same luck with plums as Billy Ayre, the manager of Halifax Town, he would not have been so pleased with himself. For Ayre did what every manager of a struggling club dreams of and battled through two rounds of the Cup to be rewarded with a choice morsel in the shape of Nottingham Forest at home.

But instead of a tie guaranteed to bring in the sort of money that is vital at football's sharp end, a measly 4,000 will be unlikely to drown the raucous rooks nesting in the poplars that overlook the decayed stadium, now owned by the local council, who bailed the club out and imposed the crowd limit.

It would be understandable if Ayre was bitter and down in the mouth at such circumstances but the former Hartlepool, Mansfield and Halifax centre half, who did not go into senior football until he was aged 25, is more cheerful than any man in charge of a side that has flirted with bankruptcy for two years has any right to be.

**FA CUP**

"I got the job in December two years ago and two weeks later an administrator was appointed," says Ayre, whose career as an uncompromising defender was ended by knee trouble. "It's been one learning experience after another since then. We have 16 professionals and four of them are still eligible for the juniors. They regularly play in the first team on Friday night and for the youth side next day."

So what chance does his team have against Forest, the nearest the first division can get to Liverpool? "Realistically none," says the manager who gave up a career teaching physical education, art and English for the uncertainties of football.

"But since the draw was made we've put a bit of a run together, six matches without defeat and clean sheets in four of them. There's been a buzz about the players and I have a sneaking feeling we can spring the surprise everyone dreams about. I wouldn't fancy our chance in a replay so it's got to be first time or nothing."

It would be foolish to underestimate Ayre's knowledge of what makes a side a good Cup team. He has done something that has evaded Brian Clough as both player and manager — been to Wembley twice and ended with a winner's medal on both occasions.

He was in the Scarborough team of the 1970s which went to the final of the FA Trophy four times in five years and won it on three ocassions under Colin Appleton. "So much depends on character and I am very proud of ours. It is going to be a great day for them to get the atmosphere of a real match with people milling about when they arrive instead of the place being empty."

Ayre points to Rick Holden, a winger who did not turn professional until he had taken his Bachelor of Education degree at Carnegie College, one of five men on the Halifax staff with degrees, Dean Martin, aged 20, at the heart of the defence and the left back, Billy Barr, aged 18, who has only played six first-team games, as three men who could surprise the first division side.

He is confident that the centre forward, Neil Matthews, signed on a free transfer from Grimsby, is going to make a name for himself and to back them up he has the experience of Paddy Roche in goal, veteran of nine years at Manchester United, captain Phil Brown and Mike Matthews from Wolves.

But his most potent weapon may be The Shay pitch, which drew some odd looks from the Forest team when they inspected it on Tuesday. With the pitch covered in four tons of sand and like a marsh down the middle, Ayre smiled and said: "In lovely condition, isn't it ?" Such men deserve the rewards for honest endeavour they are never likely to receive on earth.

Ayre in his element: The Shay, unveiled in all its Cup glory, could be the Halifax manager's most potent weapon against Forest on Saturday

## Gay Meadow Cup tie threatened by floods

**Shrewsbury Town's home FA Cup third round tie with Bristol Rovers on Saturday may have to be postponed because the River Severn has burst its banks close to the Gay Meadow ground.**

The match referee, Don Shaw, has been asked to make an inspection tomorrow. The Shrewsbury secretary, Mal Starkey, said: "At the moment, prospects are good but further rain is forecast before the weekend."

Nottingham Forest have refused to allow goalkeeper, Hans Segers, who is on loan to **Sheffield United**, to play in the tie against **Maidstone United**. Andy Leaning, signed on a free transfer from York City last summer, will deputize. The Bramall Lane club, whose manager Billy McEwan resigned last weekend, may have further team problems, for both Morris and Beagrie are down with influenza.

Kelly, the **Oldham Athletic** captain, and the defender, Barrett, both seem likely to miss the home game with **Tottenham Hotspur**. Kelly, who plays in midfield, has a badly twisted ankle and Joe Royle, the club manager, said yesterday: "There has been a slight improvement but he is still very doubtful."

**Bath City** are preparing for the visit to **Mansfield Town** from a discouraging platform — second from bottom of the GM Vauxhall Conference. Their manager, Bobby Jones, admitted: "It's a battle getting people through our turnstiles. Bath is a rugby hotbed and it's not surprising because they are one of the best sides in the country, full of internationals.

"It will be a big lift for the city if we can get through and perhaps Saturday will provide a bit of relief for the players because the season has been a battle for them so far."

# Milestones on the Royle road

By Ian Ross

**Boundary Park, the often sparsely populated home of Oldham Athletic, is, to use a typically self-effacing northern phrase, being "tarted up" before Terry Venables and his expensive Tottenham Hotspur side arrive at the weekend. As the smell of freshly applied paint drifts across the compact ground's artificial surface, Joe Royle, manager of the Latics and an FA Cup veteran, busies himself with last-minute preparations.**

**Royle knows a good deal about the joys and heartbreak of the FA Cup from his days as a rumbustuous centre forward with Everton. He watched from the Wembley stands as the Merseysiders wiped out a two-goal deficit to defeat Sheffield Wednesday in the famous 1966 final and two years later he was a member of the side beaten in extra-time by West Bromwich Albion.**

**"I made my Everton debut at the age of 16 in January 1966, the week before our third-round tie against Sunderland," he said. "I only played one more first-team game that season, days before the semi-final against Manchester United when Harry Catterick fielded a reserve side at Leeds. We lost 4-1 and the club was heavily fined.**

**"I was a second-year apprentice in those days, responsible for cleaning the boots of the senior players. I went down to Wembley with Roger Kenyon and can still remember what a great occasion it was. Two years later I was back there playing against West Brom. We were one of the warmest favourites for many years, having beaten them twice in the League. And yet we lost out to a spectacular Jeff Astle goal in extra-time.**

**"FA Cup football can be very cruel. We lost in the semi-finals to Manchester United in the following season and two years later Liverpool beat us at the same stage. Losing that one was, to me, actually worse than losing a final."**

**Although many have singled out the Boundary Park tie as the one most likely to spawn a big upset, Royle is realistic enough to acknowledge that, despite enjoying home advantage, his side will enter the game as firm underdogs.**

**"I am sure that Tottenham will be happier at the prospect of coming here than they would have been at having to go to, say, Halifax or Tranmere. They are in the middle of a transitional spell following the arrival of Venables but they are improving all the time. Their recovery may not have been as spectacular as many would have liked but they are now in the top half of the first division.**

**"People keep telling me that we have hit form at the right time after our encouraging results over the holiday period. We haven't because the right time to hit form is at the start of the season. I read somewhere that Oldham Athletic have come out of hibernation. Well, that's not true — we have come out of hospital.**

**"We have already used 24 players so far this season. A club like this should run on perhaps 15 or 16 senior players, so simple mathematics will underline our problems. This is a new team, a different one from the side which went close to gaining promotion last season. The average age of the team which defeated Manchester City recently was 22."**

**Royle was swift to allay Tottenham's fears about Boundary Park's plastic pitch. "I honestly do not feel that it will give us any form of advantage," he said. "We have already lost five times on it this season. Sides not familiar with it are initially suspicious but usually settle down within 15 minutes.**

**"They will find it the best of its type in the country. It is far removed from the hard, non-porous one at QPR and it has not worn as I am led to believe the one at Luton has."**

**Earlier in the season Oldham went close to securing a draw in a Littlewoods Cup tie against Everton at Goodison Park and Royle admits that he will be looking for the same spirit of defiance against Tottenham.**

**"We went to Everton in the midst of an injury epidemic and gave them a real fright," he said. "My players know that if they perform as they can do they have a realistic chance of success. I will not have very much to say before kick-off, I shall simply tell them go out and prove themselves. We have players of ability at this club. For most home games there are more scouts here than at a jamboree. Representatives of first division clubs seem to be semi-residential at Boundary Park."**

Plastic prospect: yet Royle's view of Saturday's tie is anything but artificial

GOLF

## Old Blues sagging in face of the elements

By Mel Webb

Mad dogs and Englishmen, as the song has it, go out in the midday sun; and if the Englishmen in question are golfers as well, they also tend to venture forth in the wind, rain, hail and anything else bleak mid-winter may care to throw at them.

To be fair to the English, Welsh, Scots and Irish golf enthusiasts are similarly liable to reveal such masochistic tendencies. And in the next four days at Rye, 128 fine examples of the breed will be pointing their stiff upper lips at the elements in the Oxford and Cambridge Golfing Society President's Putter.

The oldest of all golfing societies (founded in 1898) first staged the Putter in 1920 with an entry of 15, and the intervening years have seen steady growth to the present level in the same match-play format, open to all past and present golf Blues. The list of winners reads like a who's who of amateur golf, and the name of one Edward Ralph Dexter stands comparison with any of them.

Dexter is, of course, recognized as one of England's finest post-war batsmen. But he has also had a lifelong love affair with golf, and his habit of distractedly practising mid-iron shots while captaining his country at Lord's has stood him in good stead 25 years on.

At the age of 52, and in spite of what he calls "a grizzly back", he still has little trouble in playing to his handicap of two. He has won the Putter twice, the last time in 1985, and is proud of the fact that his victory then made him, at 49 years and over 200 days, the oldest winner of the competition.

As Dexter and his fellow competitors emerge this morning from what for some will be a winter's hibernation, they will find a test of endurance as well as skill awaiting them. The course itself, although only 6,301 yards long, is not to be trifled with. Length off the tee is surprisingly important, but on such a perfect example of the great British links course, with its little runs, bumps and hollows, fine control on and and around the greens is also vital.

Built on sand and gravel, it drains superbly, and there can be few courses in the British Isles which are in such splendid fettle, even after the storms which have been lashing this part of the world for the last week and were still producing 70mph winds yesterday.

They were conditions which were altogether too much for some hardy souls who ventured out yesterday, either to practice or to play in the Croome Shield, an inter-college foursomes event which precedes the main competition. One poor chap gave up on the fifth green, having taken eight uphill putts and still found himself 30 feet from the hole. Since his partner, David Meacher, the defending champion, had played an air shot on the tee of the same hole, it was with some relief that they agreed to repair immediately to the sanctuary of the clubhouse.

That little tale of woe reveals, perhaps, how hard it is going to be to win even once. Having done so, the ultimate victor will then have to survive six more matches over the following three days before he can claim the right to have a silver-mounted golf ball put on the President's Putter.

The society are now on their third putter, two having been filled with winner's trophies, and one is sagging dangerously in the middle. There could well be a few old Blues in a similar state come the weekend.

# SPORTS LETTERS

## Weakening local authority commitment

*From Mr Mike Fulford*

Sir, The sporting headlines in 1988 will undoubtedly be dominated by the Olympic Games. The zenith of the sporting careers of a dedicated few will be followed by millions of people in the hope that the results will bring some national reward on the time and effort invested by sporting enthusiasts in facilities largely provided by local authorities.

Yet before the new year is a month old Ministers will decide the outcome of a consultation exercise that has far-reaching implications for sport at all levels in this country including future Olympic teams.

Ministers are spending the new year considering responses to their suggestion that compulsory competitive tendering by the private sector should be extended to the management of local authority sports facilities in a similar way to that which is required for refuse collection and street cleansing. Most, if not all, respondents disagree with the compulsory element of the Government's proposals.

Over the last 20 years (despite all the economic and social pressures on local authorities and sometimes ambivalent councillors) local authorities have become the main providers of sports facilities in this country. Such facilities have not always been established along traditional bureaucratic lines. A variety of innovative and imaginative public/private sector partnerships have been developed to meet local demands.

These developments and yet more progress need to be carefully nurtured by Government in order to ensure the continuation of sporting excellence and participation in physical recreation, and not stifled by ill-advised intervention.

At the same time the Minister with responsibility for sport seeks to clarify the Government's objectives in relation to sport through discussion of an "open letter" to the Sports Council. He is in danger of being pre-empted.

Sports persons gained much encouragement from the appointment of a Minister for Sport with genuine sporting credentials. How ironic it would be if this Minister allowed an Olympic year to start with a decision that would undermine local authority commitment to sport and recreation and provoke the biggest setback to the development of sport since the Second World War.

Yours faithfully,
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January 1.

## Liverpool by either count

*From Mr David Ellis*

Sir, Surely the question of which team has won the Football League championship with the greatest number of points over the last 100 years must be decided on the basis of the same number of points for wins and draws throughout (December 29).

In 1978-79 Liverpool won 30 games and drew eight. This means that had the three-points-for-a-win system then operated, Liverpool would have achieved 98 points, eight more than the "Everton record".

In fact Liverpool are not alone in beating the so-called record. As far as I can tell the list would be:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Liverpool | 98pts | 1978-79 |
| Tottenham | 97pts | 1960-61 |
| Everton | 95pts | 1969-70 |
| Arsenal | 94pts | 1930-31 |
| Leeds | 94pts | 1968-69 |
| Arsenal | 94pts | 1970-71 |
| Manchester Utd | 92pts | 1956-57 |
| Wolverhampton | 92pts | 1957-58 |
| Everton | 90pts | 1984-85 |

Only Arsenal scored more than 90 points before the Second World War. Leeds, who had the second-highest total of championship points under the two-points system, drop to sixth. If the calculations were based on the two-points system the order would be different, but Liverpool would still head the list.

Everton cannot even claim the record for the greatest winning margin. In 1978-79 Nottingham Forest were second to Liverpool with 21 wins and 18 draws. Under the three-points-for-a-win system Liverpool's winning margin would have been 17 points, four more than Everton's "record" in 1984-85. I have not, however, checked to see if any other teams have exceeded the 17 points margin.

With the reduction in size of the first division these records will be harder to beat, but so far Liverpool are ahead of Everton — on points!

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD ELLIS,
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Rufford, York.

## Rugby talent is being wasted

*From Mr Jasper Reid*

Sir, While the selectors contemplated last Saturday's pathetic display at Twickenham, the French were polishing yet another slick fighting machine for its annual destruction of England. Yet we never learn from our mistakes, confident in the illusion that England is the figurehead of rugby. It is time to think again, so much talent is being wasted.

Selection is poor and nothing will change before the geriatric self-importance is swept away and replaced by learners, not preachers. The notion of Australasian and French invincibility cannot be undermined without new blood and new rugby. The bad results of the past five years are the result of stubborn conformism, not lack of talent.

Only when we adapt and follow the reforms of the world leaders can we justify the status of a figurehead.

Yours sincerely,
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January 4.

*From Mr Neil Cook*

Sir, Your correspondent, David Hands, rightly points out that last Saturday's England rugby trial was played in "wind, rain and hail ... which reduced matters to an almost farcical level". How then can he suggest that the selectors might accept the evidence of the game in isolation.

Thank goodness they didn't, otherwise we could have seen an inexperienced England side arriving in Paris on Saturday week like lambs to the slaughter.

Yours faithfully,
NEIL COOK,
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## A flawless innings

*From Mr R.J.O. Meyer*

Sir, In contrast to the shocks and horrors we have recently experienced from watching the deplorable goings on in Pakistan — with all their inexcusable inadequacies at all levels — were the reports of your cricket correspondent who, from start to finish, played an immaculate innings — fearless in attack and certain in defence, pitched his flighted, well-spun deliveries right on the spot, missed nothing in the field or as a keeper of the highest standards.

Thank you John Woodcock — and thank you Sir for selecting him to represent not just *The Times* and our battered country but cricket, which is so much greater than the rare cricketers great — let alone the all too common cricketer small.

Yours etc,
R.J.O. MEYER,
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Wells, Somerset.

*From Mr Richard Day*

Sir, Now that the TCCB have demonstrated the principle of paying £1,000 bonuses to players who abuse umpires may I suggest that they publish an official scale of bonus payments to players who dissent in future. Possibly, £250 for staying at the wicket when given out, £500 for vigorous argument, and £750 for striking an umpire. All our young players at school will then be able to plan their future behaviour to maximize their earnings!

Seriously though, should not the members of the TCCB resign *en bloc* so that they can be replaced by people who care about the game of cricket?

Yours faithfully,
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Combe Down, Bath, Avon.

*From Mrs K.R. Jones*

Sir, How refreshing it would be to hear that the England touring party had decided to donate their £1,000 bonuses to The Lord's Taverners.

Yours faithfully,
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High Street, Reed,
Royston, Hertfordshire.

## Thing of the past

*From Mr N. Robinson Riley*

Sir, Isn't it time that newspaper editors considered moving most of their reports on the so-called Sport pages to either the Business pages or at least to the Entertainment pages.

The words sport (to describe either the activity or an individual) and sportsmanship seem to belong to a past era. Implicit in those words is the thought that people played to the spirit rather than to the letter of the rules. However, with the rise of professionalism and, with it, increasing disregard of the spirit, an increasing number of rules have become necessary.

Since most sports are now dependent upon commercial sponsorship, and since decisions on points of principle are made with the financial implications at the forefront of the minds of the decision-makers, there is an increasing hypocrisy in describing these activities as sports.

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## A worthy knight

*From Mr L.H. Mills*

Sir, I was very surprised that the knighthood conferred on Murray Halberg, the 1960 Rome Olympic 5,000 metres gold medal winner, was apparently not considered worthy of mention by any of the Press, radio or television.

Sir Murray's athletic prowess was all the more praiseworthy as he suffered from the drawback of a withered arm and it is noteworthy that his citation quotes services to sport and handicapped children. Here indeed seems to be a most worthy reward for perhaps 30 years of exemplary service and help to the community. Awards for many years' excellence in a generally sporting manner to such as Dennis Amiss, Billy Bonds and Judy Oakes are also to be commended as opposed to some temporary luminaries, whose awards appear to come up with the rations.

Yours faithfully,
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Nyetimber Copse,
West Chiltington,
Pulborough, West Sussex.

## A narrowing gap

*From Mr Jack McNamara*

Sir, The Rugby Football Union's decision (December 30) to allow trainers on to the pitch to attend injured players while play proceeds and the use of sand for goalkickers to tee up the ball is scarcely experimental. The Rugby Football League have been using both these rules for almost 14 years.

The RFU's decision surely is a sign that the two codes of rugby are at least getting closer on the field. Rugby union has followed league ideas in the past, notably over bouncing the ball into touch except, in union's case, from the respective 22s, and the elimination of the knock-on where the receiver controls the ball after juggling with it. What with leagues, boot money scandals and Cavalier tours, why not go the whole hog and abolish the untidy lineout and the two superfluous forwards?

Yours faithfully,
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Manchester.

FISHING

## History becomes news in the waiting game

By Conrad Voss Bark

A former news editor of *The Times*, an urbane and highly civilized man, Alan Pitt Robbins, once said that there was no news in fishing. He was quite right. That is one of the main charms of going fishing: there is no news in it at all in the sense that news editors think of news as shock, horror, or leak.

There is, however, a good deal of what might be called news interest. Witness the latest list of fishing records that comes through the National Anglers' Council.

They tell us that last August — these things do take time — a Mr Titt, fishing from a boat somewhere off Dorset, caught an undulate ray of 21lb-odd, and a Mr McEwan a bass of 19lb-plus off Herne Bay. Mr Mayes took a pollack of 29lb off Dungeness in July. All are record rod-caught fish. However, the Anglers' Council does not tell us what Mr Titt did with his undulate ray, whether Mr Mayes made fish-pie with his pollack, or whether Mr McEwan smoked his bass. Curiosity has been stimulated, but that is all.

It becomes almost news that a megrim of about 2½lb was captured off the beach at Porthcurno, by a Mr Williams, of Camborne, last November. The megrim is also known as a scald fish.

On the fringe, possibly even in the outer circle, of news, no doubt jointly with megrims, is the capture of a 4oz pumpkinseed from a pond near Darlington. The North is clearly a good place for pumpkinseeds, which are small fish, originally from the United States, and with a depressed expression. They are said to belong to the sunfish family. This one was caught by Daniel Wallis, aged 14. He must have been as surprised as we are.

SCHOOLS FOOTBALL

## Chigwellians benefit

By George Chesterton

**Old Chigwellians** have opened a lead in the premier division in the Arthurian League, by defeating **Old Malvernians** 2-1. They have benefited from introducing highly promising players like Tapper and Coate.

However **Old Cholmeleians**, last year's winners, are still in contention having won three of four matches, the latest being their 3-1 victory over the **Carthusians**. **Old Brentwoods** improved their chances with a 4-0 victory over **Reptonians**.

In the first division, **Old Harrovians** will take a lot of catching with eight wins from 10 games, a remarkable performance for a side connected with a school much better known for rugby union. **Lancing** are launching a strong attempt to return to the top division

Premier division

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Chigwellians | 8 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 20 | 10 | 12 |
| Brentwoods | 7 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 20 | 9 | 9 |
| Cholmeleians | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 11 | 6 | 7 |
| Carthusians | 5 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 18 | 8 | 7 |
| Salopians | 6 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 17 | 19 | 5 |
| Foresters | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 10 | 12 | 4 |
| Malvernians | 5 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 10 | 4 |
| Reptonians | 6 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 7 | 20 | 1 |
| Etonians | 5 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 20 | 1 |

First division

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Harrovians | 10 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 29 | 12 | 18 |
| Lancing | 8 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 29 | 10 | 13 |
| Aldenhamians | 8 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 21 | 11 | 12 |
| Bradfieldians | 8 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 21 | 9 | 11 |
| Wellingburians | 5 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 10 | 11 | 3 |
| Westminsters | 6 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 13 | 17 | 3 |
| Ardinians | 5 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 9 | 17 | 2 |
| Wykehamists | 7 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 8 | 27 | 2 |
| Citizens | 7 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 7 | 33 | 0 |

ARTHUR DUNN CUP: Second round draw: Old Bradfieldians v Old Salopians; Old Malvernians v Old Foresters; Old Brentwoods v Old Reptonians; Lancing Old Boys or Old Aldenhamians v Old Cholmeleians.

BOXING

# Bruno is given June date for world title fight against Tyson

Frank Bruno could box for the world heavyweight title in June. Bill Cayton, co-manager of the undisputed heavyweight champion, Mike Tyson, said on Tuesday that the bout would take place in London on either June 4 or 11, providing Tyson defeats Larry Holmes in his next contest and Tony Tubbs, the former World Boxing Association (WBA) champion, in March.

The bout is also conditional on the American Home Box Office television network, which screened the heavyweight title unification series, approving Bruno as a suitable opponent. Jarvis Astaire, who has co-promoted all of Bruno's contests, said yesterday: "HBO will not buy a Tyson v Bruno fight unless Bruno beats a ranked opponent. We are trying to get something fixed for Wembley in March."

The proposed Bruno bout is part of a six-bout package arranged for Tyson over the next year, beginning with the Holmes fight in Atlantic City on January 22. Tyson, who is expected to gross $26.5 million (about £14.7 million) through the deal, will then box Tubbs in Tokyo on March 21, Bruno, Fransesco Damiani in Milan in September, and two opponents yet to be decided.

However, Bruno could be denied a June title shot if Michael Spinks, whom many consider Tyson's only legitimate challenger, agrees terms with the Tyson camp. Cayton, who is in dispute with Spinks's promoter, Butch Lewis, said: "We are ready to fight Spinks if he comes to fight without Butch Lewis as promoter or co-promoter. If Lewis is ready to vacate his ego, we are ready to work out a fight with Spinks in June. The Bruno bout is not firm."

But Bruno's name should figure in the series even if a bout with Spinks could be arranged. The British boxer, by virtue of his No. 1 ranking by the WBA and the World Boxing Association, is Tyson's mandatory challenger.

● Larry Holmes failed to appear at a Press conference on Tuesday in the run-up to his fight with Tyson. A spokesman from the Holmes camp read out a statement from the former heavyweight champion which said: "I am training very hard and working very hard. Any and all questions will be answered on January 22."

# McDonnell's chance fades

By Jonathan Rendall

**Jim McDonnell, the former European featherweight champion, is still as far away as ever from a world title shot despite the attempts of Frank Warren, the London promoter, to match him with Rocky Lockridge for the International Boxing Federation (IBF) junior lightweight title.**

**Warren, who has options on Lockridge's defences, announced yesterday that he had presented McDonnell's manager, Terry Lawless, with a "very decent" offer for a McDonnell-Lockridge contest in February.**

**That offer, coming soon after Warren's announcement of IBF title bouts involving Tony Sibson and Tom Collins, promised to fuel the dispute between Warren and the British Boxing Board of Control (BBBC) over the 15-round distance of IBF bouts; a distance the BBBC does not recognize.**

**But Barry Hearn, who has worked with both managers and was asked by Warren to convey the offer to Lawless, said yesterday: "I asked Terry some time ago and today was the deadline for him to accept. Terry has said no, so that is the end of Jim McDonnell's world title shot."**

**Hearn, who went into promotional partnership with Lawless last autumn, added: "As far as I'm concerned I am no longer in partnership with Terry Lawless. Lockridge will now defend against Cabanito Perez in America, which is sad for Jim McDonnell, who I've always liked."**

**Ironically, on the evidence of Frank Black, McDonnell's trainer, Warren's offer may not have been feasible even had Lawless accepted. Black said yesterday: "Jim broke his jaw in training two months ago and, though he's on the mend, he has not yet come back to the gym."**

**● Tony Sibson's projected IBF world title challenge against Frank Tate, which has not been sanctioned by the BBBC, received support from an MP yesterday. William Cash, the Conservative member for Stafford, where the bout is due to be held, said: "I will make every effort to encourage this event to take place in Stafford."**

BADMINTON

# Hall's win spurs England

By Richard Eaton

Darren Hall's fine 15-9, 17-14 victory over the Commonwealth Games silver medal winner, Sze Yu, was the highlight of an encouraging first day for England in the world grand prix finals in Hong Kong, yesterday.

Hall, England's leading singles player in the absence of the injured Steve Baddeley, produced a solid performance with some good touches around the net against the speedy Australian. The Essex player recovered from 14-9 down in the second game before going on to a deserved success.

England's leading women's singles player, Fiona Elliott, the national champion, also produced an excellent performance despite losing 4-11, 11-1, 11-9 to Kirsten Larsen, the other All England champion from Denmark. Miss Elliott proved again that she has improved in the last three months.

Baddeley, who has a broken toe, looks unlikely to defend his national title next month while Helen Troke, who suffered a serious rupture to her achilles tendon a year ago, has now injured her back.

MOTOR RALLYING

# Top rider feared to have broken neck

PARIS TO DAKAR

Tamanrasset (Reuter) — Andrei Malherbe, the triple world moto-cross champion has a suspected broken neck after falling heavily from his works Yamaha on the sixth day of the Paris-Dakar rally yesterday.

Malherbe is awaiting an air ambulance to fly him to Paris from this southern Algerian for specialist medical treatment. The Belgian rider was lying ninth in the rally's motor bike section.

Meanwhile, it was reported on Tuesday night that a quarter of the 602 cars, motorcycles and trucks which started the rally have dropped out after just two days of competitive special stages.

Five days after leaving France, 150 entrants failed to reach Bordj Omar Driss in the Algerian Sahara to meet a deadline set by the organizers to prevent the competitors from splitting up.

"We are proud of the first stage," the organizers said in a statement. "It was held in the true tradition of the Paris-Dakar." The statement was issued in response to complaints from competitors that the first stage, from El Oued to Hassi Massond, was too difficult.

Tuesday's 179 miles special stage saw no change at the top of the standings. Last year's winner, Ari Vatanen of Finland, in a Peugeot, retained first place overall, with France's Pierre Lartigue second in his Mitsubishi and Patrick Zaniroli third in a Range Rover.

Jacky Ickx, of Belgium, the former Formula One driver, crashed out spectacularly when he rolled his Lada and a compatriot, Guy Huynen, who was the second-placed motorcyclist, broke both legs in an accident.

RESULTS: First stage (El Oued to Hassi Messaoud): 1, A Vatanen (Peugeot 405), 1hr 51min 59sec; 2, P Lartigue (Mitsubishi), 1:54.53; 3, P Zaniroli (Range Rover), 2:06.24; 4, P Tambay (Range Rover), 2:07.38; 5, J Kankkunen (Peugeot 205), 2:08.57; 6, Andreetto (Mitsubishi), 2:15.00; 7, A Cowan (Mitsubishi), 2:16.31; 8, Dayak (Range Rover), 2:21.19; 9, H Pescarolo (Peugeot 405), 2:21.45; 10, Shinozuka (Mitsubishi), 2:22.00.

CRICKET

# England's welcome for Jarvis

Paul Jarvis, the Yorkshire fast bowler, looks to have recovered from the blood circulation illness that forced England to send him home from Pakistan.

Jarvis satisfied both Laurie Brown, the England physiotherapist, and his specialist at a second practice session yesterday that he is fit to join the tour to New Zealand and Australia, starting January 18.

"It was a bad experience when I was looking to establish myself for England but it looks as if the worst is behind me. This was my first bowl for six weeks. I feel a bit stiff but the sessions went well and neither the shoulder nor the hand is giving me any problems," Jarvis said.

"I am looking forward to the trip. It will be a tough challenge with Richard Hadlee at full throttle but I'm eager to return to some competitive cricket," Jarvis added after bowling to Martyn Moxon, another member of the England tour squad.

● DELHI (AFP) — The Indian selectors continued to juggle their depleted resources with Chetan Sharma, the medium fast bowler, returning to the squad to play West Indies in the fifth one-day international in Ahmedabad today to replace Maninder Singh, the injured left-arm spinner.

INDIA SQUAD: R J Shastri (capt), K Srikkanth, Arun Lal, Kapil Dev, M B Amarnath, M Azharuddin, A Ayub, W V Raman, †S Viswanath, Ajay Sharma, Sanjeev Sharma, S V Manjrekar, R Kulkarni, Chetan Sharma.

## FOR THE RECORD

### BASKETBALL

NORTH AMERICA: National Basketball Association games: Phoenix Suns 100, New York Knicks 92; Washington Bullets 101, New Jersey Nets 97; Atlanta Hawks 81, Detroit Pistons 71; Chicago Bulls 93, Indiana Pacers 77; Milwaukee Bucks 98, Los Angeles Clippers 82; Golden State Warriors 129, San Antonio Spurs 119; Portland Trailblazers 125, Seattle Supersonics 114.

MARIEMBOURG, Belgium: Men's Cup-Winners Cup: Quarter-final: Joventut Badalona (Sp) 93, Mariembourg (Bel) 84.

### FOOTBALL

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Blackpool 1, Manchester United 1; Derby 4, Huddersfield 3; Leeds 0, Nottingham Forest 3; Leicester 2, Hull 0; Liverpool 1, Sheffield Wednesday 1; Manchester City 1, Coventry 1; Sunderland 1, Grimsby 2. Second division: Stoke 3, Port Vale 0. Postponed: Notts County v Preston; Wigan v Rotherham.

SUNDAY MIRROR COMBINATION: Millwall 2, Ipswich 3. Postponed: Brighton v Southampton; Bristol Rovers v Portsmouth; Fulham v Chelsea; Swindon Town v Charlton; Watford v Queen's Park Rangers.

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: AC Delco Cup: Third round replay: Postponed: Wokingham v Berkhamsted. Premier division: Basingstoke 1, Hayes 3. Postponed: Carshalton v Croydon; Dulwich v Leytonstone-Ilford, Leyton-Wingate v Kingstonian. First division: Postponed: Bracknell v Staines; Marlow v Hampton; Walton and Hersham v Wembley. Second division south: Metropolitan Police 2, Egham 0. Postponed: Dorking v Maidenhead United; Whyteleafe v Molesey.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Chorley 1, Barrow 0; Marine 0, Witton 1. League Cup: First round: Frickley 1, Gateshead 0.

KENT SENIOR CUP: Dartford 2, Chatham 0.

RUSSELL GRANT MIDDLESEX SENIOR CHARITY CUP: Finchley 5, Ruislip 0.

### GOLF

RYE: Crossie Shield: 93: R Palmer and W Barclay (St John's, Cambridge). 94: D Sparrow and J Piper (Keble, Oxford). 96: P Bathurst and T Walker (Magdalene, Cambridge). 97: B Streather and D Harrison (St Edmund Hall, Oxford). 99: J Gillum and R Kneeling (King's, Cambridge); P Osborn and P Webb (Trinity Hall, Cambridge). 101: A Goodrich and P Scoular (Queens', Cambridge). 103: A Disley and P Gracey (Brasenose, Oxford). 104: N Williamson and C Dean (Worcester, Oxford). 107: R Turner and M Grist (Brasenose, Oxford).

### HOCKEY

BARCELONA: Four-nation men's tournament: Final: West Germany 3, Argentina 2. Third-place play-off: Britain 3, Spain 0.

### ICE HOCKEY

NORTH AMERICA: National Hockey League games: Washington Capitals 5, Philadelphia Flyers 1; Pittsburgh Penguins 4, Los Angeles Kings 4; New York Islanders 3, Minnesota North Stars 3.

### RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Halifax 14, Wigan 18.

### SQUASH RACKETS

JERSEY: International tournament: Quarter-finals: Jahangir Khan (Pak) bt G Williams (GB), 9-2, 9-5, 9-1; T Nancarrow (Aus) bt P Kenyon (GB), 9-5, 9-5, 10-8; R Norman (NZ) bt G Briars (GB), 10-8, 9-3, 7-9, 9-6; N Harvey (GB) bt K Smith (Aus), 9-7, 9-1, 9-4.

AMERICAN EXPRESS PREMIER LEAGUE: Jim Hall Sports Northern 1, James Capel Ardleigh 4; Poundstretcher Dunnings Mill 2, InterCity Cannons 3; Fin Sinod Harts 2, Village Leisure 3.

### SWIMMING

ADELAIDE: International swimming meeting (Australian unless stated): Men: 200m butterfly: 1, D Wilson, 2min 1.94sec; 2, B Nielsen (Den), 2:02.19; 3, M Roberts, 2:03.25. 200m backstroke: 1, D Richter (EG), 2:02.84; 2, S Upton, 2:03.78; 3, R Woodhouse, 2:05.49. 200m individual medley: 1, R Hannemann (EG), 2:04.11; 2, P Bermel (WG), 2:06.27; 3, R Woodhouse, 2:06.80. 50m freestyle: 1, J Woithe (EG), 23.28sec; 2, A Jameson (GB), 23.71; 3, T Stachewicz, 24.00. 4 x 100m freestyle relay: 1, Australia A, 3:51.38; 2, Australia B, 3:52.21; 3, Interstate invitation, 3:57.47. Women: 200m freestyle: 1, H Friedrich (EG), 2:00.59; 2, L Dobrescu (Rom), 2:02.01; 3, S Pura (Rom), 2:02.21. 50m freestyle: 1, T Costache (Rom), 26.18; 2, K Schick (WG), 26.72; 3, L Dobrescu (Rom), 26.74. 50m backstroke: 1, C Sirch (EG), 29.92; 2, K Otto (EG), 30.07; 3, N Livingstone, 30.22. 100m breaststroke: 1, S Hoerner (EG), 1:10.00; 2, L Rookwald, 1:12.28; 3, K Nord (EG), 1:13.13. 800m freestyle: 1, C Sirch (EG), 8:40.98; 2, D Proctor, 8:42.42; 3, B Burns, 8:47.88.

RUGBY UNION: FIRST CAP FOR SCOTTISH LOCK FOLLOWS TWO KNEE OPERATIONS

# Army take advantage of wounded

By Gordon Allan

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| Met Police | 15 |
| Army | 20 |

The Army, who lost to the Territorial Army in their first match just before Christmas, beat Metropolitan Police by two goals and two tries to a goal and three penalty goals at Imber Court yesterday. The Services championship begins on March 6 and all the Army's efforts are now aimed in that direction.

A wind strong enough to bend the touchline flags almost to the ground had an influence on the course of the game. It was behind the Police in the first half and they led 9-4 at the interval, which was clearly insufficient.

The Police also suffered with injuries. They used both replacements when Switzer (leg) and Hunt (ribs) went off in the first half. For most of the second they were reduced to 14 men after Rob Jones, one of their flankers, limped out of the action. The Army took full advantage, although the Police came back well at them towards the finish.

Wood kicked three penalties for the Police but just before the break Tucker ran through a bevy of defenders for the Army's first try. It was neither the first time nor the last that the Police tackling let them down.

Graham, the exceptionally mobile Scotland B prop, scored two tries, bouncing out of two tackles for the first, and running clear from a lineout for the second. Nelson got the fourth Army try, in support of Steele, who collected a long throw over the top of a lineout. Gordon-Lennox, a Combined Services cricketer with hands to match, kicked two conversions.

O'Reilly, the Police captain, scored a try at the end of a sweeping movement and Wood converted, but although it momentarily raised the hopes of the side it proved to be too late.

SCORERS: Metropolitan Police: Try: O'Reilly. Conversion: Wood. Penalty goals: Wood (3). Army: Tries: Tucker, Graham (2), Nelson. Conversions: Gordon-Lennox (2).

METROPOLITAN POLICE: N Sinclair; P Switzer (rep: B Sweeney), M Steer, S Jones, S O'Reilly; A Mercer, M Wood; D Barham, P Stevenson, R Hunt (rep: N Evans), R Jones, S Dear, P de Lacy, N Francombe, G Raybould.

ARMY: Capt E Gordon-Lennox (Grenadier Guards); Cpl E Atkins (Royal Signals), Cpl D Tucker (Light Infantry), Sgt Inst C Spowart (APTC), Lt J Gunn (Royal Welch Fusiliers); Lt J Steele (RA), Gunner J Danwood (RA); Lance-Cpl G Graham (Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders), Lt J Brammer (Royal Signals), Capt C Harvey (DWR), Lance-Cpl B Nelson (RE), Capt B McCall (REME), Cpl C Bridgeman (Devon and Dorset Regt), Capt W Carr (RAC), Staff Sgt Inst S Peacock (APTC).

Referee: J Burtenshaw (London.)

# Skills taught at Bath will serve the Scottish cause

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

English clubs really must give up these fifth columnists in their midst. Bath and David Sole did well by each other but Sole, the Scotland loose-head prop who is now playing for Edinburgh Academicals, also implanted the seed which has earned Damien Cronin a first cap for Scotland.

Cronin, Bath's powerful lock, was the only new cap in the XV named yesterday to play Ireland. "It was David who asked if I had any Scottish connections," Cronin recalled, "and my grandparents on my mother's side came from the Lothians."

That was enough for the Anglo-Scots selectors to pair Cronin with Nottingham's Chris Gray and they played together successfully against a French XV in September; Gray's reward is a place on the replacements' bench in Dublin.

For all the much-prized mobility among their forwards, Scotland have lacked a lock of substance for some years (with all due allowance for the ageless Alan Tomes) and Cronin, at 6ft 6in and 16st 8lb, is certainly that. Indeed Jack Rowell, his coach at Bath, already puts him on a par with Nigel Redman and John Morrison, whose scrummaging solidity and ball-handling have meant so much to Bath these last three years.

"He was a No. 8 at school and he remains extremely mobile," Rowell said. "He has come through this season as a relative newcomer but he would have been knocking on the door two years ago if he had not had two serious operations on his knees. Moreover, they are the sort of operations you do not contemplate unless you are really ambitious.

"He is quick, has a long stride, and is one of the best jumpers in the game. He has had to learn how to get through the "donkey work" which is expected of tight forwards and Bath's fixture list has helped him there. He has knuckled down and is learning all the time."

Cronin, now aged 24, comes from a service family. He was born in Wegberg, in West Germany, and moved via The Netherlands to Chigwell in Essex. His first school was Campion, in Hornchurch, before he completed his education at Prior Park, just outside Bath. He then went into catering and is now part of a restaurant management consultancy in Bath.

"I didn't play rugby for two years, between 1982 and 1984," Cronin said. "But when I returned to Bath I started to go down to the club to get fit. I couldn't play anything much because I was working on Saturdays but as I progressed through the Spartans and United (Bath's third and second teams) I gained interest. Bath moved me to the second row and I had my first game for the Anglo-Scots against Glasgow in 1986. Jack (Rowell) has concentrated on my jumping. I'm not the world's greatest scrummager but it seems to be getting better."

That, perhaps, is something of an understatement from one who played exceptionally well for Bath at the start of the season, a time when their fortunes were — for them — at a low ebb. Both as a middle-of-the-line jumper and a ball-handler Cronin stood out.

Cronin has won a rare prize for one who had no thoughts, 18 months ago, of playing rugby at international level. Forwards called Damien must feature infrequently in Scottish packs (though Australia have fielded Damien Frawley at lock in the past two years); in this respect, at least, Cronin is also a trend setter.

# Roke finds a way through

By David Hands

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| RAF | 9 |
| Civil Service | 6 |

The gales that swept Southern England yesterday did not spare RAF Halton; throughout the entire match a vicious wind swept straight down the pitch, which had been left a glue pot by heavy showers in the morning, so in the circumstances the two sides contrived a remarkably good game of rugby, which the RAF won by a goal and a penalty goal to a goal.

Apart from one outing before Christmas, against Nottingham, this was the first of the RAF's build-up games to the Services Championship and they were without five of their better players. For a long time those who remained available looked as though they would spend the entire 80 minutes doing many good things except for the essential of scoring points.

The Civil Service retained the lead, given them by Longstaff's try from the five metres scrum, for threequarters of the match. They only conceded it seven minutes from time when Roke, with the sweetest of dummies, fooled three defenders and found a path as broad as the nearby runway to the posts for a try which Worrall converted.

An important part in that move had been played by Hifle, the local man, at flanker. Since he was also responsible for much of the RAF's lineout possession and linked well with Parsonage and Huxtable (before the latter's move to the wing when Whitcomb was injured), he could be said to have had a good match, marred only by a lecture from Ian Bullerwell after some aggravation at a lineout.

Since the Civil Service had been almost totally erased at the lineout in the first half, it may be that Hifle has some cause for annoyance though it was the visitors who could not kick their penalties — five of them — whereas Worrall succeeded with his only attempt.

Curiously the wind did not play as significant a part as seemed likely, since both sides preferred to keep the ball in their hands — to keep them warm, I dare say. Knight, the Civil Service scrum-half, who is Richard Hill's deputy at Bath, kept his side going forward well and some of his blind-side breaks deserved better.

The same might be said of the forays of Raikes, the RAF full back

Since they had lost both wings by half-time, which necessitated the introduction of Davis, the London Welsh hooker, as a makeshift flanker, they did encounter organizational problems as well as the difficult playing surface. They will have been happy, therefore, to win.

SCORERS: RAF: Try: Roke. Conversion: Worrall. Penalty: Worrall. Civil Service: Try: Longstaff. Conversion: Goodfellow.

ROYAL AIR FORCE: Cpl N Raikes (Lyneham); Cpl M Skillern (Finningley, rep: Jnr Tech A Williams, Lyneham), Flt Lt I Goslin (Oakhanger, capt), Jnr Tech S Roke (St Athan), Cpl A Whitcomb (Swanderby, rep: SAC K Davis, Uxbridge); SAC P Bradley (St Mawgan), Cpl S Worrall (Finningley); Cpl C Stephenson (Marham), Cpl R Allison (St Athan), SAC A Billett (Innsworth), Cpl S Hifle (Halton), Fg Off F Clifford (Henlow), Cpl R Burn (Brize Norton), Fg Off R Huxtable (Lyneham), Cpl D Parsonage (Finningley).

CIVIL SERVICE: P Goodfellow; M Hewer (capt), R Wilkinson (rep: M Power), W Evans, T Melson; G Hardacre, S Knight; E Stokes, A Liddell, M Callery, G Drummond, P Lambert-Williams, D Barton, S Byrne, M Longstaff.

Referee: I Bullerwell (East Midlands).

# Wakefield rise to glory

There has been no shortage of honours for Wakefield this season; despite Graham Marshall, their back row forward, not making the Scotland party for Dublin on January 16 (David Hands writes). He must however have come very close to emulating Ray Adamson, his colleague, who is an England replacement for the first time in Paris that day, a party captained by the Yorkshire club's Mike Harrison.

Since Bryan Barley, the centre, has been restored to England's B team and Les Cusworth, back as England's stand-off half, began his senior career with Wakefield, their cup runneth over.

This season's playing record is also excellent, despite the absence on county or divisional duty of all these players. They have seen Harrison only three times yet have lost only twice in 22 games — to Orrell and Plymouth Albion — to argue a depth of ability at College Grove. Wakefield were the leading points scorers in Britain until last week when Llanelli (eight games more) overtook them. Adamson has over 200 points.

# Unhappy days

Enzo Francescoli, the Uruguayan footballer, said he wanted to leave Matra Racing Paris to play in the Italian or Spanish first division. Francescoli, aged 25, said he was unhappy in France after a season and a half there.

YACHTING

# City request rejected

New York (AP) — The city of San Diego has been denied permission to intervene in the court fight over where, when and how the next America's Cup race will be held. The city had asked to become a party to the suit, so it could appeal against a ruling that directed the San Diego Yacht Club to accept an unusual challenge by a New Zealand group, the Mercury Bay Boating Club.

Carmen Ciparick, a New York supreme court justice, who issued the original ruling last November, said on Tuesday that she would not let San Diego intervene because it had no legal interest in the suit.

The city sought the right to appeal against Ciparick's ruling that Mercury Bay's challenge for a one-on-one match in 90-foot boats this year is valid under the cup's 100-year-old Deed of Gift. The deed is the trust document that establishes the competition and its rules. San Diego wants to continue the rules in force since 1958, when it was decided that the competition would be held every four years in 12-metre yachts.

Robert Abrams, the New York attorney general who supported San Diego's request to intervene, is a Deed of Gift trustee and as such has legal standing to take part in the court fight. A spokesman for him said he expects to file his own appeal soon.

# Curtis on right tack

From a Special Correspondent

Dave Curtis, the calm American, turned a poor start into a winning move in the opening heat of the world soling class championship, held on Port Phillip Bay here yesterday.

Curtis went on port tack from the start to trail half the fleet of 47. The move to the west defied conventional wisdom for a steady 14 knot southerly but Curtis then gained a favourable starboard tack wind shift to gain the lead at the first mark and never relinquish it.

Second, only nine seconds behind, was John Kostecki, the Californian, with Bobby Wilmot, of Australia third. Chris Law, the British representative in this class at the 1984 Olympics, was 22nd and four places adrift of rival Glyn Charles.

The regatta, an important milestone towards this year's Games in Seoul, has attracted crews from 25 countries to the three-man keelboat class, including 24 Olympians and world champions.

## SNOW REPORTS

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| **AUSTRIA** | | | | | | | |
| Kitzbühel | 0 | 25 | fair | varied | closed | fine | 5 |
| *Top runs still good in parts* | | | | | | | |
| Obergurgl | 35 | 135 | icy | crust | good | fine | 4 |
| *Middle and lower slopes icy* | | | | | | | |
| **FRANCE** | | | | | | | |
| Flaine | 25 | 140 | good | varied | fair | snow | 5 |
| *Pistes are good between rocks* | | | | | | | |
| Tignes | 85 | 135 | good | heavy | good | cloud | 5 |
| *Excellent skiing everywhere* | | | | | | | |
| Val Thorens | 50 | 110 | good | heavy | fair | cloud | −2 |
| *Good skiing above 2,000m* | | | | | | | |
| **SWITZERLAND** | | | | | | | |
| Crans Montana | 5 | 35 | good | heavy | closed | cloud | 1 |
| *Some lifts closed due to high winds* | | | | | | | |
| Grindelwald | 2 | 40 | good | powder | closed | cloud | 4 |
| *Recent snow, excellent skiing above 1,800m* | | | | | | | |
| St Moritz | 20 | 30 | icy | varied | closed | snow | 0 |
| *Wind blown snow in hollows* | | | | | | | |
| Verbier | 1 | 80 | fair | heavy | poor | snow | 3 |
| *New snow falling on upper slopes* | | | | | | | |
| Villars | 0 | 15 | icy | powder | closed | fair | 8 |
| *Limited runs, beginners fine* | | | | | | | |
| Wengen | 0 | 15 | fair | heavy | closed | fine | 5 |
| *Varied piste skiing above 2,000m* | | | | | | | |
| Zermatt | 30 | 80 | fair | powder | icy | cloud | 5. |
| *Powder on hard base* | | | | | | | |

In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper, and art to artificial.

| ITALY | L | U |
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| Bormio | 25 | 40 |
| Cervinia | 60 | 180 |
| Cortina d'Ampezzo | 25 | 85 |
| Corvara | 30 | 60 |
| Courmayeur | 25 | 100 |
| Livigno | 30 | 70 |
| Madesimo | 0 | 50 |
| Madonna di Campiglio | 30 | 80 |
| Selva di Valgardena | 10 | 70 |
| Passo Tonale | 30 | 150 |

● Information supplied by the Italian Tourist Office.

SCOTLAND

Cairngorm: upper runs, middle runs and lower slopes, very little or no snow; vertical runs, 100ft; hill roads, clear; main roads, clear; snow level, 3,800ft. Lecht: insufficient snow for skiing. Forecast for today: scattered snow showers and sunny spells over all the ski areas; showers dying out during the afternoon with high cloud increasing; fresh north-westerly wind backing south-westerly during the day; freezing level, 1,000ft. Outlook for tomorrow: increasing cloud ahead of snow or sleet but turning to rain at lower levels; freshening south-west wind.

● Information supplied by the Scottish Meteorological Office.

# Italian for Ipswich

Chris Shears, the Ipswich Witches speedway promoter, has completed the signing of the top Italian rider, Armando Castagna, on a two-year contract.

# Marathon feat hits the Great Wall

By Ian Stafford

A British athlete is at the centre of a squabble between two Chinese authorities over his claim that he is the first Westerner to run unescorted along the complete length of the Great Wall of China.

William Lindesay (left),a 31-year-old polytechnic researcher from Merseyside, attended the first Press conference held in the Chinese Embassy in London yesterday to describe his epic adventure, which finished last month, but he ended up denying allegations from the Chinese that he failed to complete the 1,500 mile trek.

To the great embarrassment of the Chinese Embassy and Lindesay's sponsors, Thomas Cook Travellers Cheques, his claim to have conquered the Great Wall, one of the seven wonders of the world, has got everyone wondering.

On the one side is the New China News Agency, the Government's Peking-based agency which first hailed Lindesay's achievement and the Chinese Embassy, which paid tribute to his feat. On the other side is the China Sports Service (CSS), also based in Peking and their equivalent of the Sports Council in Britain.

Since the confirmation of his 78-day jog, Lindesay has embarked on a wave of publicity that includes television and radio appearances, a future book and, yesterday, a conference in the presence of a "delighted" Chinese Ambassador, Ji Chao Zhu, and Lynda Chalker, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and the "proud" MP for Wallasey, Lindesay's home town.

Back in China, however, the CSS has issued a statement which portrays matters in a different light. "Lindesay was detained and fined twice by China Public Security organ in the west region of China," it read. "They shortened the duration of his visa and prohibited him from going on. Consequently he was not allowed to run any more. So Lindesay did not finish the Great Wall run, not even a quarter of the whole course from Jiayuguan to Beijing."

The CSS is, according to Ji Chao Zhu, "a semi-official Government organization that works in close association with the Chinese Government. All sports events in China cannot happen without its support."

Lindesay rejects the charges and insists that he completed the run. He has diaries which include entries by villagers he encountered. He says these prove his whereabouts.

He admits he took a four-month break at the half-way point and once travelled by bus when officials barred his way, but insists his claim is legitimate. "What CSS has said is a pack of lies," he responded. "They are very serious allegations and my diaries prove I went the whole course."

Perhaps this latest Chinese puzzle will never be solved satisfactorily, short of calling witnesses and interviewing millions of bemused onlookers who might have crossed Lindesay's 1,500 mile path. The episode seems destined to run and run as one of the mysteries of the orient.

## TODAY'S FIXTURES

BASKETBALL: Carlsberg League: Derby v Bracknell (8.0).

BOWLS: County indoor matches: Bedfordshire v Suffolk (at Bedford); Northamptonshire v London Parks BA (at Wellingborough).

CURLING: Scottish men's championships (at Perth).

GOLF: President's Putter (at Rye).

SNOOKER: Mercantile Credit classic (at Blackpool).

## SPORT ON TV

CANOEING: Paddles up: International white water competition from Llangollen. BBC1: 3.25 p.m.

CURLING: Johnnie Walker Scottish championship from Perth. Grampian/Scottish TV: 10.35 p.m.

SNOOKER: Mercantile Credit classic from Blackpool. C4: 3.0-5.0 p.m. ITV: 11.05 p.m.

# Australian tour

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# Yachtsmen's fears mount over race safety

By Barry Pickthall

Britain's leading solo sailors joined a chorus of opposition from French yachtsmen to the Royal Western Yacht Club's decision not to supply the Argos satellite automatic tracking system for this year's Carlsberg single-handed transatlantic race in June.

The Argos beacons, which have been supplied to contestants in two previous single-handed Atlantic races organized by the Plymouth club, provide the organizers and media with an unrivalled picture of the race by beaming accurate position fixes to passing satellites up to nine times a day. The signals are first interpreted at a ground station in the United States, then relayed to the Argos centre in Toulouse, France, from where the information can be called up by telex at any time by race officials.

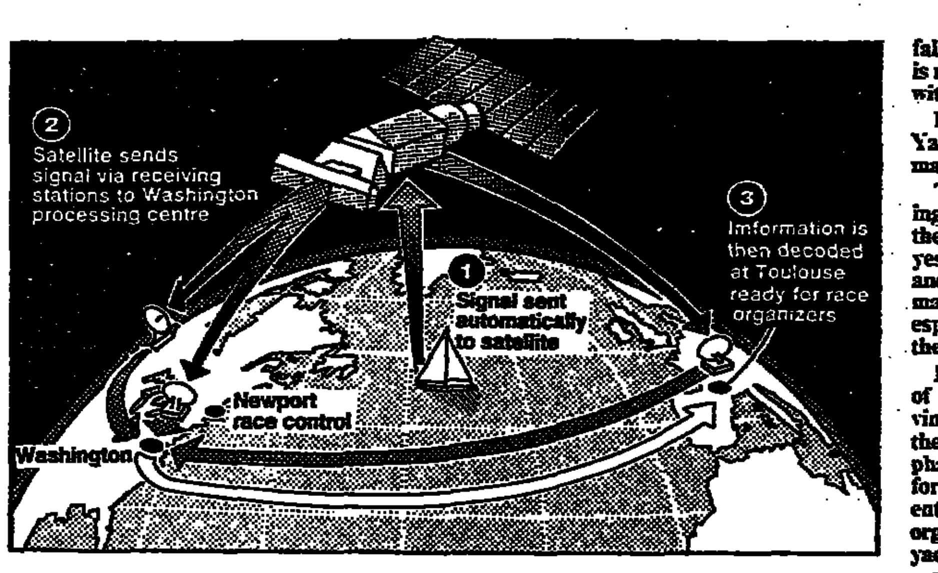
More importantly, each beacon is equipped with a 'panic button', providing competitors with a simple, foolproof system of alerting officials and rescue authorities to the fact that they are in distress, as well as their exact position.

This French safety system is expensive, however. A spokesman for Argos quoted 10,500 French francs (about £1,000) to monitor each boat in this year's Carlsberg-sponsored race, a cost picked up previously by the race's earlier sponsors, *The Observer* newspaper and Europe 1 radio station.

The Carlsberg decision comes on the same day as a BOC announcement that it is to continue sponsoring its single-handed round-the-world race scheduled to start from Newport, Rhode Island in September 1990.

BOC has provided Argos equipment to competitors in the previous circumnavigations and intend to do the same again in two years' time. A spokesman for the company said yesterday: "We would not run the race without Argos or a similar system. Not only has it saved four lives during our earlier races but it has proved an indispensable public relations tool, providing the media with daily progress of the race."

Instead of Argos, the Royal Western Yacht Club is insisting that each yacht be equipped with the new Cospas-Sarsat emergency position indicating radio beacon (EPIRB) sets that are activated only in an emergency and would cost each entrant cost up to £1,200 — though some will be available for hire to competitors.


② Satellite sends signal via receiving stations to Washington processing centre
③ Information is then decoded at Toulouse ready for race organizers
① Signal sent automatically to satellite
Newport race control
Washington

What concerns Carlsberg competitors, however, is the fact that this new system, which is not recognized by American rescue authorities, would not alert race control in the event of their falling overboard or becoming incapacitated aboard their yachts. Only with Argos would the yacht's subsequent erratic course be picked up to provide a warning sign to organizers as was proved during the last BOC race when the French sailor, Jacques de Roux, was lost 200 miles south of Sydney. Then the authorities were alerted within hours of his falling overboard, and had he been ill there is no doubt that he would have been rescued within 24 hours.

For position reports, the Royal Western Yacht Club is expecting competitors to make radio contact each day.

Tony Bullimore, who is currently building a new Apricot trimaran to compete in the Carlsberg event, said in London yesterday: "This is now a very tactical race, and keeping quiet or giving false positions may well be the best way to win this race, especially when the penalties for breaking the rules are so small."

Robin Knox-Johnston, the past chairman of the BOC race, who has entered his vintage round-the-world yacht Suhaili in the transatlantic event, was equally emphatic. "The EPIRB system is no substitute for Argos. In a race like this with up to 100 entrants you have to have a central organization monitoring the positions of the yachts accurately."

The Argos system was first utilized by the Royal Western Yacht Club after two lives were lost in the 1976 Observer-sponsored transatlantic race. Since then the French tracking system has saved the lives of more than 300 yachtsmen.

# Diplomat Robson flies out to strike up a Warsaw pact

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

Bobby Robson has embarked on his mission to lead England to the finals of the 1990 World Cup in Italy. The national manager has flown to Warsaw where, on behalf of his squad, he will today attempt to negotiate the most favourable path through the qualifying competition.

During a meeting with representatives from Poland, Sweden and Albania he will use diplomatic persuasion to arrange the most suitable schedule. As a Football Association spokesman said yesterday: "It is not drawn out of a hat. The conclusions must be reached through discussion. It is as easy and as difficult as that."

England's six ties will be staged between September this year and November next year on the dates that have already been set aside for international matches. In plotting his course, Robson will follow the tradition of amicable compromise. If agreement is not reached FIFA will be summoned to act as the referee.

"Of all the countries involved in the competition, I think there has been only one case of that ever happening before, so we can safely predict at least that FIFA will not be brought in," the FA spokesman said.

Yet Robson will make two forceful requests. He wants to avoid travelling anywhere, particularly to Scandinavia, early in the season and he will ask to be allowed to play at home on October 19, when the FA is to celebrate its 125th birthday.

Unlike the centenary party held by the Football League, an embarrassingly subdued and muddled affair that is being stretched thinly over the year, the fixture is to be the sole centrepiece of the event. The FA is hoping, therefore, that the visitors are "one of the more prestigious teams in the group".

The domestic authorities would not, in other words, be too pleased if the Albanians were invited to Wembley that night. Robson would not be unhappy if the occasion also marked the opening of England's challenge since recent outings in September have ended either in disappointment or worse.

The prolonged and damaging sequence began seven years ago with a 2-1 defeat in Oslo. Apart from suffering the indignity of losing to Norway for the first time, Ron Greenwood's side restricted their own chances of appearing in the finals of 1982.

Since Robson has been in charge, each season has started with a similar set-back. In 1982 England were fortunate to escape with a draw in Copenhagen. In 1983 they lost the return fixture against the Danes at Wembley and were effectively knocked out of the European Championship.

In 1984 England were undistinguished during a 1-0 victory over East Germany. In 1985 they were held at home by Romania, a draw that again threatened their place in the global tournament. In 1986 they lost in Stockholm, a memory that the Swedes will now be relishing.

Last year Robson's team went down to the heaviest defeat of his managerial career, 3-1 to West Germany. In view of such dark experiences, he will dread September 14, the first available date, and may choose to use it for practice and to shake off the dust gathered during the summer.

Although Poland are seeded second behind England, recent performances suggest that Sweden are the most dangerous rivals.

Dates for international matches: 1988: September 14, October 19, November 16. 1989: February 8, March 8, April 26, September 6, October 11, November 15.

Hungry for the Irish: Damien Cronin, a Bath restaurateur, is the only new cap named in the Scottish side to play in Dublin

## Wales task is set out

**Wales will begin their World Cup qualifying campaign away to The Netherlands on September 14, a fortnight after Finland and West Germany kick-off European group four. The group starts little more than two months after the European Championship Final in West Germany.**

**Dates were arranged yesterday during discussions in Frankfurt between representatives of the four nations. Only one team will qualify automatically from the group for the finals. The best two second-placed teams from the three European groups containing four nations will also go to Italy.**

**EUROPEAN GROUP FOUR SCHEDULE:** August 31: Finland v West Germany; September 14: The Netherlands v Wales; October 19: West Germany v The Netherlands, Wales v Finland; April 26, 1989: The Netherlands v West Germany; May 31: Wales v West Germany, Finland v The Netherlands; September 6: Finland v Wales; October 4: West Germany v Finland; 11: Wales v The Netherlands; November 15: West Germany v Wales, The Netherlands v Finland.

## Clough asked to say sorry

George Graham, the Arsenal manager, is demanding an apology from Brian Clough about newspaper comments made by the Nottingham Forest manager on the departure of Charlie Nicholas from Highbury.

Clough, in a by-lined article, said: "I'd like someone to tell me the reasons why Nicholas was put in quarantine at Highbury . . . somebody must be barmy . . . a fine player was mouldering away in the reserves."

Graham retorted: "It's a disgusting way for one club manager to behave over something which is none of his business."

## Tough Irish work-outs

The Republic of Ireland will meet Romania and Yugoslavia at Lansdowne Road on March 23 and April 27 as part of manager Jack Charlton's preparations for the European championship finals in West Germany in June.

The Republic have already confirmed a home game against Poland on May 22 and a visit to Norway on June 1.

● Northern Ireland will consider playing Colombia in May later this week but meanwhile it is the dates February 17, March 30 and April 27 which are uppermost for David Bowen, the secretary of the Irish Football Association (George Ace writes).

Bowen is hopeful that on these dates Northern Ireland will be given strong international preparation for their opening World Cup games later in the year, with at least two games at Windsor Park.

With the possibility of Northern Ireland also playing the Colombians after they have met Scotland and England in the Stanley Rous Cup, Billy Bingham, the manager, will begin his preparations at Lilleshall on January 17 to 19 when a squad of 20 players will be called up for a three-day training stint.

● A goal three minutes from time by Stephen Hanley enabled Dundela to defeat Linfield Swifts 1-0 at Seaview in the final replay of the Steel and Sons Cup.

## SPORT IN BRIEF

### Lotus firm pulls out

Group Lotus will not be participating in Formula One motor racing this year. The group, whose engineering company developed the revolutionary active suspension system and provided it to the privately-owned Team Lotus International, will channel its resources into fulfilling commercial applications.

In a statement last night the group said: "The Group Lotus objective of the '87 programme was to test and succesfully finalize the development of a pre-production, fully active, suspension system within the time frame and harsh environment of Formula One racing. This objective has successfully been met."

### Lawson signs

Geoff Lawson, the former Australian Test bowler, will play in the Lancashire League next season for Haslingden.

Irish: international

### Walking tall

Colin Irish, of Portsmouth, has been named as the player of the year for 1987 by the English Basket Ball Association. He played in every England international match during the year, and helped his club to the national league title and national cup final. Anne Gollogly, of Northampton, won the women's award while Dave Foster, from Rochester, and Sally Bunyard, from Rugby, were the outstanding young players of 1987.

### Cash protest

Adelaide (Reuter) — Pat Cash, the Wimbledon tennis champion, was the target of anti-apartheid protestors here yesterday. About 30 people from various groups demonstrated against the Australian player's participation in the South African Open in November as he prepared for next week's Australian Open.

### Happy return

San Vittore Olona (AP) — Paul Kipkoech, of Kenya, yesterday celebrated his 26th birthday by winning the Five Mills cross-country race for the second successive year here in this northern Italian town. He covered the 9.5km in 32min 56sec. David Clark, of Britain, was fourth.

### Dublin date

Portmarnock Golf Club, Dublin, has been invited to stage the Walker Cup match between Great Britain and Ireland and the United States in 1991.

## Virgo to chair heart drug review

By Steve Acteson

**The board of directors of the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association (WPBSA) will today review its strategy over the beta blockers issue under the guidance of John Virgo, the body's new chairman.**

**The WPBSA has dragged its feet for several months over the matter and it is high time that it made up its mind whether or not to follow the International Olympic Committee's and the Sports Council's line and ban the drugs, which are used to combat stress and heart problems by slowing the heart rate.**

**The WPBSA voluntarily introduced drug-testing before the 1985 world championship and agreed to use the IOC's list of proscribed drugs. The list was later amended to include beta blockers, which proved an embarrassment as Rex Williams, the then chairman, had been prescribed the drugs for 16 years to curb a nervous problem. The WPBSA has consistently refused to use the amended list.**

**Williams, who resigned in November over unrelated matters, is presently the only player still taking beta blockers, but in recent months users, for a variety of strictly medical reasons, have included Neal Foulds, the world No. 3, and Alex Higgins and John Spencer, both former world champions.**

**During last April's world championship, Colin Moynihan, the Minister for Sport, said the use of beta blockers by players during a tournament was "tantamount to cheating" and in November he wrote to Williams expressing his disappointment that the WPBSA had not taken further steps in doping control.**

**He supported the Sports Council's recommendation, which was ratified last month, to withdraw from the WPBSA its facilities, which include the use of drug-testing centres and financial assistance towards the cost of tests.**

**● John Parrott, the No. 13 seed, ensured that Virgo will be able to chair today's board meeting of the WPBSA by whitewashing him 5-0 in the fifth round of the Mercantile Credit Classic in Blackpool last night. In the other match, Terry Griffiths needed almost three hours to wear down Yorkshire's Barry West, 5-2.**

**FIFTH ROUND RESULTS:** Tuesday night: S Davis (Eng) bt A Higgins (N Ire), 5-0. Frame scores (Davis first): 66-32; 130-0; 82-37; 88-21; 67-49. T Knowles (Eng) bt T Murphy (N Ire), 5-3. Frame scores (Knowles first): 57-69; 73-63; 60-39; 45-54; 58-40; 82-11; 67-74; 75-11. Wednesday: J Parrott (Eng) beat J Virgo (Eng), 5-0. Frame scores (Parrott first): 65-7; 98-5; 69-29; 72-47; 109-23. T Griffiths (Wales) beat B West (Eng), 5-2. Frame scores (Griffiths first): 37-66; 74-27; 61-43; 14-87; 69-30; 80-0; 58-44.

## Scottish backs will rely on a raw front five

By Ian McLauchlan

The Scotland selectors have picked only one new cap to face Ireland at Lansdowne Road, Dublin, on Saturday week. Cronin, the Bath lock, joins White in the second row of a pack which is very short of international experience in the front five.

Cronin, 6ft 6in and 16st 8lb, will give Scotland a presence in the middle of the line-out and some much needed ballast in the scrum. In last week's trial he took his try well and showed good mobility at times, though a higher work-rate will probably be asked of him in Ireland. However, he needs only to scrummage well and compete in the line-out to justify his choice.

The pack generally is one chosen for its mobility, with the experience in the back row. Paxton, winning his 33rd cap, has more international experience than the entire front five. He is joined by Jeffrey and Calder to form a unit which thrives on support rugby.

Callander, as widely predicted, takes over as both hooker and captain. He will be playing in only his second international, the other being in Romania in 1984. With Sole and Rowan, Callander forms a strong rather than formidable front row, but one which should guarantee Scotland parity in the tight.

Laidlaw is at scrum half for the 44th time and the game will be his ninth international against Ireland. Lansdowne Road is a ground on which he has the habit of scoring. His half-back partner, Cramb, will lean heavily on his experience and will depend on his scrum half to give him time and space in which to develop his game. Cramb has three powerful runners on his outside, and Scott Hastings, Tait and Duncan will need no second chance to run at the Irish.

Baird, on the left wing, is the surprise choice, but obviously the selectors have decided that Renwick has still some way to go while Tukalo's recent absence through injury may well have gone against him; although he did more than enough in the trial to justify selection. Baird, who will win his 27th cap, is an underestimated talent. He is extremely creative and alert and this season is playing better than ever.

Gavin Hastings will be full back and goal kicker, and he, his brother Scott, Tait and Duncan must form the strongest running back line in the five nations tournament.

Callander, Oliver (leg injuries) and Paxton (shoulder strain) took no part in the squad session last Sunday, but they, along with Jeffrey, who missed the trial with a head knock, are all expected to play for their clubs this weekend.

**TEAM:** A G Hastings (Watsonians); M D F Duncan (West of Scotland), A V Tait (Kelso), S Hastings (Watsonians), G R T Baird (Kelso); R I Cramb (Harlequins), R J Laidlaw (Jed-Forest); D M B Sole (Edinburgh Academicals), G J Callander (Kelso, capt), N A Rowan (Boroughmuir), D B White (Gala), D F Cronin (Bath), J Jeffrey (Kelso), I A M Paxton (Selkirk), F Calder (Stewart's Melville). Replacements: A K Brewster (Stewart's Melville), K S Milne (Heriots), C A Gray (Nottingham), G H Oliver (Hawick), L W Renwick (London Scottish), T W Dods (Gala).

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## Formidable French selection

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

The French mixture which will face England at the Parc des Princes on January 16 in the first round of the five nations championship is very much as before. To that extent, therefore, England know exactly what awaits them.

The injuries which clouded the possibility of Mesnel and Sella taking their places in the French midfield have cleared and both have been selected, even though Mesnel did not play for Racing Club on Sunday. Sella did however, for Agen, and by all accounts had a lively game.

Alongside Sella the burly Andrieu has been chosen, giving the French back division an even more physically daunting appearance if that were possible. The elegant Charvet is reduced to the replacements while the other change from the XV that concluded the 1986-87 season with the Grand Slam is at lock, where Lorieux returns for the old warrior, Haget.

In terms of the team which lost to New Zealand in the final of the World Cup last summer there are three changes, all in the backs; Bonneval and Bérot were injured early in the competition and Andrieu was omitted, the three quarters in Auckland comprising Camberabero, Sella, Charvet and Lagisquet (who is one of the permitted senior internationals in the B team to play England on January 16).

France's last international outing was the 49-3 romp against Romania in November when three members of this month's pack, Garuet, Lorieux and Erbani were missing. Garuet was suspended before Christmas after being sent off for technical offences in a club match, but returns now.

**FRANCE:** S Blanco (Biarritz); P Bérot (Agen), P Sella (Agen), M Andrieu (Nîmes), E Bonneval (Toulouse); F Mesnel (Racing), P Berbizier (Agen); P Ondarts (Biarritz), D Dubroca (Agen, capt), J-P Garuet (Lourdes), E Champ (Toulon), A Lorieux (Aix les Bains), J Condom (Biarritz), D Erbani (Agen), L Rodriguez (Montferrand). Replacements: P Dintrans (Tarbes), L Armary (Lourdes), A Carminati (Béziers), H Sanz (Narbonne), D Charvet (Stade Toulousain), D Camberabero (Béziers).

**FRANCE B:** J Bianchi (Toulon); B Lacombe (Agen), P Tremouille (Toulon), A Gely (Grenoble), P Lagisquet (Bayonne); J-P Lescarboura (Dax), A Hueber (Bagnères); M Diaz (Toulon), M Del Nasso (Mont-de-Marsan), C Portolan (Toulouse), C Deslandes (Montferrand), Y Roux (Toulon), P Béraud (Dax), K Janik (Toulouse, capt), L Cabannes (Racing). Replacements: C Rizon (Montferrand), H Chabowski (Bourgoin), M Cécillon (Bourgoin), P Cances (Aurillac), A Carbonnel (Toulon), J-P Trille (Tarbes).

## Pull-out threat by Roche's sponsor

On the day that Stephen Roche's doctors in Paris gave his suspect knee a clean bill of health and told him to get back into training immediately, the storm between the Irish world cycling champion and his new Spanish sponsor, Fagor, showed no sign of abating. Fagor threatened to pull out of cycle racing if Roche and his rebel team-mates did not give in.

Sixteen of the Fagor squad, including Roche, had walked out of a photo session in Spain on Tuesday as a simmering row over who should manage the team boiled over. Robert Millar, runner-up to Roche in last year's Giro d'Italia, Malcolm Elliott, the Milk Race winner, and Sean Yates, a highly valued team rider, were among them.

Yates returned home to Sussex and said the whole team would be on the market if no agreement was reached by the weekend. "I know nothing of any peace moves said to be taking place," he added.

The row revolves around Roche's demand to have Philippe Crepel as the team's manager, assisted by Patrick Valcke, both of whom are former associates of his. Fagor want the team managed by Pierre Bazzo, a Frenchman, and it was Crepel's removal that led to the team's revolt.

In Madrid yesterday, Agustin Mondragon, a director of Fagor, which makes kitchen appliances, said Crepel's job was only as a consultant but "suddenly he is demanding more power". Fagor was prepared to talk to him "but our demands will be much greater now. We are not prepared to back down."

END COLUMN

# A law man for all seasons

By David Miller

Robert Bolt, the playwright, knew a thing or two about sport, being for some years a master at Millfield. With those chilling, inspiring words which he gives to Sir Thomas More in *A Man For All Seasons*, he identifies the dilemma which permanently confronts mankind: if we waive laws to accommodate expediency — in that instance, the monarch's wilfulness on divorce — where do we stand when all the laws have been cut down and the devil turns to challenge us?

As Lord Havers, former Lord Chancellor and Solicitor-General, has said: "If the rule book is torn up or vicious fouls go unpunished, then the sporting element is destroyed and fun for both the player and the spectator is lost."

*It would be helpful if every*body prominently involved in sport, administrator or competitor, were obliged to read in this time of anarchy a new treatise on sport and morality by Edward Grayson: barrister, academic, sports fanatic and advocate of the necessity for the law of the land to save sport from its own indiscipline. Sport is conspicuously short, in the second half of this century, on intellect as well as self-discipline. Grayson, with a waterfall of argument trenchantly supported by case history and alarming precedent, not to mention logic and a sincere affection, fills that gap.

## Certainties fading into agnosticism

He quotes Lord Hailsham, who was given the responsibility by Harold Macmillan in 1962 of forming the first Ministry for Sport, from *"Morality, Law and Politics"*, his 1987 Carlton Lecture: "It has been our fortune. . .to live in an age of conflict, violence and confusion, in which old certainties have faded into agnosticism. . .when new bigotries have arisen and new sources of political power have first challenged and sometimes overthrown established authority. . .

"Although science and technology are capable of demolishing certain superstitions they are not capable of creating a new system of values. . .if the old systems are to be re-established, the need for them will have to be restated. At the heart of the problem lies the uncertain frontier between morality, politics and law, the framework of an ordered and civilized life."

Natural law has shown itself to be the last resort, notably in rugby and soccer in the past two years, when the three internal safeguards of sport failed: the playing laws of each code, the penal laws of umpires or referees and the administrative laws of governing bodies.

When these three provisions are all breached, or ignored, Grayson argues — as they specifically were by Bishop, the Welsh Rugby international, and by Rangers players, but generally can be witnessed almost every day of the week — the law of the land has the scope, indeed the duty, to act.

## When sport fails to control itself

"Give blood — play rugby," is the self-mocking encouragement of car-window stickers. What Grayson has long been claiming, with a prophecy which cannot now be ignored, is that all violence is illegal, not least in sport; and, reluctantly from one who avidly corresponded as a wartime schoolboy with those great Corinthians, G. O. Smith and C. B. Fry, and who wrote the nostalgic *Corinthians and Cricketers*, that sport too often fails to control itself.

It is Grayson's belief that "justice in the rule of law and fair play in sport are complementary values and part of the nation's unwritten heritage." It was that heritage which Gatting surrendered in Pakistan; though Grayson, bound by his own adherence to fairness, points out that while Gatting's behaviour was reprehensible, he could legally seek to have set aside the TCCB's unreasonable, enforced apology, he having falsely been accused of cheating.

The book is a guide and companion to all competitors in difficulty, whether suffering it or creating it. It is the cheapest legal advice many people will ever find.

**Sport and The Law*, by Edward Grayson, Butterworth, £15.95.